

Commissioned for The Singers by Joan Beck

What Child Is This?

SATB divisi, a cappella

William Chatterton Dix

Matthew Culloton

Freely, senza misura **Gently** ♩ = 104

p < *mf* > *p* < *mf* > *mp*

Soprano

mm _____ mm _____ mm (or oo)

p < *mf* > *p* < *mf* > *mp*

Alto

mm _____ mm _____ mm (or oo)

p < *mf* > *p* < *mf* > *mp*

Tenor

mm _____ mm _____ mm (or oo)

p < *mf* > *p* < *mf* > *mp*

Bass

mm _____ mm _____ mm (or oo)

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Keyboard

(for rehearsal only)

Note: Take care to equally balance three-part SA and TB writing.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1837–1898, and written in 1871 (PD).

Tune: *GREENSLEEVES*, English ballad, 16th cent. (PD).

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8 *mf* *rit.* *p* *a tempo*

(mm)

mf *rit.* *p* *a tempo*
*mp**

(mm)

mf *rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

(mm)

What child is this, — who,

mf *rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

(mm)

What child is this, — who,

8 *rit.* *a tempo*

15

(oo)

poco f

laid to rest, — on Mar - y's lap — is sleep - ing? Whom

laid to rest, — on Mar - y's lap — is sleep - ing?

15

*Simply, like a cradle song.

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21 *p* *mp*

An - gels greet — with an - thems sweet while shep - herds

(oo) ————— while shep - herds

an - gels greet — with an - thems sweet — while shep - herds

An - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds

21

26 *f*

watch are keep - ing? — This, this — is Christ the

watch are keep - ing? — This, — this is Christ the

watch — are keep - ing? — This, — this is Christ — the

watch are keep - ing? — This, this is Christ the

26

32

King, — whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing; — haste,

King, whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing; — haste,

King, whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing; — haste,

King, whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing; — haste,

32

38

haste — to bring him laud, — the babe, — the son — of Mar - y. Why

haste to bring him laud, the babe, — the son of Mar - y.

haste to bring him laud, the babe, — the son — of Mar - y.

haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

38

45

lies he in — such mean es - tate — where ox and ass — are feed -

p

p

p

45

52

ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent

(oo)

(oo)

(oo)

52

58 *mf*

Word is plead - ing. This, this is Christ the

mf

(oo) This is Christ the

mf

(oo) This is Christ the

mf

(oo) This is Christ the

58

64

King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

64

69

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of

69

75 *mp* *f*

Mar - y. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come

75 *mp* *f*

Mar - y. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come

75 *mp* *f*

Mar - y. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come

75 *mp* *f*

Mar - y. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come

75

81

peas - ant, king to own him. The King of kings sal -

peas - ant, king to own him. The King of kings sal -

peas - ant, king to own him. The King of kings sal -

peas - ant, king to own him. The King of kings sal -

81

87

va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne, en - throne him.

va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne, en - throne him.

87

93 *ff*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

ff

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

ff

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

ff

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

93

98

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

98

103

S1
bring him laud, — the babe, the son of Mar -

S2
bring him laud, — the babe, — the son of Mar -

A
bring him laud, the babe, — the son of Mar -

T
bring — him laud, the babe, — the son of Mar -

B
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar -

103

108 *mp* *p* *rit.*

mp *rit.* *p*

mp *rit.* *p*

mp *p* *rit.*

mp *rit.*

108 *rit.*