What Child Is This

Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
2. Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading,
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lull-a-by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary,
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Traditional English carol
Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

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English melody, 16th cent.
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.
Matt. 2:11

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
4. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
5. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;

ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:
suddenly the Lord descending, in his temple shall appear:
ever more your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

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Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

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