

What Child Is This

A Christmas Carol for SA Choir and Organ

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What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King.

William Chatterton Dix (1837 – 1898)

Adagio ♩ = 60

The musical score is written for Soprano (S), Alto (A), and Organ. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is Adagio, with a metronome marking of ♩ = 60. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 1 through 8, and the second system covers measures 9 through 16. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The organ part is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clef). Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the vocal entries and *p* (piano) for the organ accompaniment.

System 1 (Measures 1-8):

Soprano (S): *mp* What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's

Alto (A): *mp* What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's

Organ: *p*

System 2 (Measures 9-16):

Soprano (S): lap is sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet with an-thems

Alto (A): lap is sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet with an-thems

Organ:

16

S

sweet while shep-herds watch while shep-herds watch

A

sweet while shep-herds watch while shep-herds watch

23

S

are keep - ing? *p* This, this is this is Christ the King.

A

are keep - ing? *p* This, this is this is Christ the King.

30

S

What child is this what child is this is this, what _____ child.

A

What child is this what child is this is this, what _____ child.