

# What Child Is This

## A Christmas Carol

Lyrics by William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music by Carlotta Ferrari (b.1975)



Settings for:

SATB (a cappella)

SA (with organ accompaniment)

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A Christmas Carol for SATB Choir

Carlotta Ferrari 2018

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

Musical score for the first system of "What Child Is This" for SATB choir. The score is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is Adagio (♩ = 60). The dynamics are marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: "What child is this who laid to rest on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?". The vocal parts are Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The Soprano and Alto parts begin with a quarter rest, while the Tenor and Bass parts begin with a quarter note. The lyrics are: "What child is this who laid to rest on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?".

Musical score for the second system of "What Child Is This" for SATB choir. The score is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is Adagio (♩ = 60). The dynamics are marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: "Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet with an - thems". The vocal parts are Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The lyrics are: "Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet with an - thems".

13

S  
sweet while shep-herds watch while shep-herds

A  
sweet while shep-herds watch while shep-herds

T  
8 what child is this, what child is this while shep-herds watch

B  
what child is this, what child is this while shep-herds watch

19

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

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

T  
8 while shep-herds watch are keep - ing? *p* This, this is Christ\_\_\_\_\_ the

B  
while shep-herds watch are keep - ing? *p* This, this is Christ\_\_\_\_\_ the

27

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.

T  
8 King. What child is this what child is this, what\_\_\_\_\_ child.

B  
King. What child is this what child is this, what\_\_\_\_\_ child.

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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 quarter note equal to 60 beats per minute. 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 organ part features a piano introduction in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

**System 1 (Measures 1-8):**

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

Alto (A): *mp* What child is this who laid to rest on Mar-y'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

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? This, this is this is Christ the King.

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

*p*

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.