What child is this

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1. 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?
2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians fear for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him! The King of Kings salvation brings: Let loving hearts enthrone him!

This, this is Christ the King: Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Raise, raise the song of high! The Virgin sings her lullaby.

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!