

What Child is This?

English Traditional based on Greensleeves

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A

Dm

C

Am

Dm

A

System A contains measures 1 through 8. The melody is written on a treble clef staff in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (Bb). The bass line is provided on a three-part guitar-style staff (D, A, C strings). Measure numbers 1 through 8 are indicated above the bass line. Chord symbols Dm, C, Am, Dm, and A are placed above the staff at measures 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8 respectively. The notation includes a repeat sign at the beginning of measure 1.

B

Dm

C

Am

Dm

A

Dm

F

System B contains measures 9 through 18. The melody continues on the treble staff. The bass line is on the three-part guitar staff, with measure numbers 9 through 18 indicated above. Chord symbols Dm, C, Am, Dm, A, Dm, and F are placed above the staff at measures 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 18 respectively. The notation includes a repeat sign at the beginning of measure 9.

C

Am

Dm

A

F

C

Am

System C contains measures 19 through 28. The melody continues on the treble staff. The bass line is on the three-part guitar staff, with measure numbers 19 through 28 indicated above. Chord symbols C, Am, Dm, A, F, C, and Am are placed above the staff at measures 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 28 respectively. The notation includes a repeat sign at the beginning of measure 19.

Dm

A

Dm

1. 2Dm

A

Dm

System D contains measures 29 through 37. The melody continues on the treble staff. The bass line is on the three-part guitar staff, with measure numbers 29 through 37 indicated above. Chord symbols Dm, A, Dm, A, and Dm are placed above the staff at measures 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 respectively. The notation includes a repeat sign at the beginning of measure 29 and a final double bar line at the end of measure 37.

What Child is This?

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?

[Chorus]

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

[Chorus]

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

[Chorus]

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

[Chorus]

Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

[Chorus]