

What Child is This?

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The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system includes parts for Soprano Alto, Tenor Bass, and Keyboard. The Soprano Alto part begins with a rest followed by the lyrics "Lul - la -". The Tenor Bass part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and the lyrics "Lul - lay lul - la - by Lul - lay lul - la - by Lul - lay lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by." The Keyboard part also begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The second system continues the vocal parts. The Soprano Alto part starts at measure 5 with the lyrics "by, lul - la - by, my child, the babe, the son of Ma - ry What child is this who". The Tenor Bass part starts at measure 5 with the lyrics "Lul - lay lul - la - by Lul - lay lul - la - by lul - la - by Lul - lay lul - la What". The Keyboard part continues with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The third system shows the continuation of the keyboard accompaniment, also marked mezzo-piano (*mp*).

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10 SA
laid to rest on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with

TB

10

14 SA
an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is

TB

14

18 SA
Christ the king whom shep - herds watch and an - gels sing! Haste, haste to

TB

18

22 SA
bring him laud, the babe the son of Ma - ry!

TB
Why

28 SA
Good Christ - ian fear: for

TB
lies he in such mean es - tate while ox and ass are feed - ing?

-4-
33

Nails, spears shall pierce him, the

33 SA
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spears shall pierce him through the

TB

33

38

cross be born for me, for you.

38 SA
cross be born for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh the babe the son of

TB

38

43 - 5 -

Ma - ry! So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh come

43

47

pea - sant, king to own him. The king of kings sal - va - tion brings, let

47 SA

TB

47

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51 SA
lov - ing hearts en - throne him! Raise, raise the song on high,
TB
Raise, raise the song on high, the

51

55

55 SA vir - gin sings her lul - - - la - by! Joy, joy for Christ is born,
TB
vir - gin sings her lul - la - by! Joy, joy for Christ is born the

55

59

SA the son of Ma - ry! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TB babe the son of Ma - ry! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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63

SA lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TB le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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