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1. What Child is this— who, laid to rest— On Mar - y's lap— is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies He in— such mean es - tate,— Where ox and ass— are feed - ing?
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh,— Come peas - ant, king— to own— Him;

Whom an - gels greet— with an - thems sweet,— While shep - herds watch— are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tians, fear,— for sin - ners here— The si - lent Word— is plead - ing.
 The King of kings— sal - va - tion brings,— Let lov - ing hearts— en - throne Him.

This, this— is Christ the King,— Whom shep - herds guard— and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear— shall pierce Him through,— The cross be borne— for me, for you.
 Raise, raise— a song on high,— The vir - gin sings— her lull - a - by.

Haste, haste,— to bring Him laud,— The Babe,— the Son— of Mar - y.
 Hail, hail— the Word made flesh,— The Babe,— the Son— of Mar - y.
 Joy, joy— for Christ is born,— The Babe,— the Son— of Mar - y.