

What Child?

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Words by
William C. Dix (1837–1898), alt.

SSAB *a cappella* with Opt. Percussion*

Music by
Ruth Morris Gray
Quoting the Traditional English Carol,
What Child Is This?

Soprano I Soprano II Alto Baritone

Joyously (♩ = 88)
SI, SII

A p (sing held notes on "m")
Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum bum bum bum

B p (sing held notes on "m")
Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum bum bum bum

Djembe
**
p

5 *mp*
What child is this, who, laid to rest on
bum bum bum. Bum bum bum bum.
bum bum bum. Bum bum bum bum.

Performance time: ca. 2:20

*Also available: SATB (CGE284); TTBB (CGE285); SSAA (CGE286).

**Continue djembe throughout piece. Add additional body percussion beginning on pages 4, 7, and 9.

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Mar - y's lap, is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels

Bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum.

Bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum.

11

greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are

Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum

Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum

14

keep - ing? Oh, this, — this is

bum bum bum bum bum bum bum. This, this is

bum bum bum bum bum bum bum. This, this is

mf

mf

mf

**slap thighs*

mf

*Optional: On chorus – meas. 16-28, 40-50, 62-79 – singers clap eighth notes and slap hands on thighs (brushing outwards) on quarter notes. Continue djembe with singers.

17

Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:

Christ, whom shep - herds and an - gels

Christ, whom shep - herds and an - gels

*clap

20

Oh, haste, - haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son -

sing: haste to bring laud, babe, the son.

sing: Haste to bring laud, babe. babe, the

24

of Mar - y.

Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum

son. Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum

mp

p

p

p

28

So bring him in - cense,

bum bum bum bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum

bum bum bum bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum

31

gold, and myrrh, come peas - ant, king to own him.

bum. Bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum

bum. Bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum

34

The king of kings, sal - va - tion brings, let

bum bum bum. Bum bum bum bum.

bum bum bum. Bum bum bum bum.

37

lov - ing hearts en - throne him. So raise, —

Bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum.

Bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum.

40

f raise the song on high while Mar - y sings her lull - a - by.

f Raise, raise the song high, Mar - y sings lull - a -

f Raise, raise the song high, Mar - y sings lull - a -

f *slap thigh *clap sim.

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Sing joy, — joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son —

by. Joy, for Christ is born, babe, the son.

by. Joy, for Christ is born, babe. babe, the

48 *mf* *rit. e decresc.*
 of Mar - y.
mp *rit. e decresc.*
 Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum
mp *rit. e decresc.*
 son. Bum bum bum bum. Bum bum bum
mp *rit. e decresc.*

52 *p* *mp* Sweetly (♩ = 50)
 What child, who, laid to
p *mp*
 bum. What child is this, who, laid to rest on
p *mp*
 bum. What child is this, who, laid to rest on

55
 rest, is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels
 Mar - y's lap, is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 Mar - y's lap, is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with