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Luke 1:68-75 (Reader)

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;



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⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

As With Gladness Men Of Old

Text: William C. Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold; as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to Thee.'

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star be-hold; as with joy they hailed its light,
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Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to Thee.

2



As with_ joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly



man - ger bed, there to___ bend the knee be - fore



Him Whom heav'n and earth a - dore, so, may we with



will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.

3

As they_ of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger

rude and bare, so may_ we with ho-ly joy,

pure and free from sin's al-loy, all our cost-liest

treas-ures bring, Christ, to Thee our heav'n-ly King.

4

Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the

nar - row way; and when earth - ly things are past,

bring our ran-somed souls at last where they need no

star to guide, where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide!



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O God, in your goodness you “defend the weak” and “uphold the cause of the poor.” In our unholy carelessness, we let the poor struggle on their own, not seeing them, not caring about them, seldom asking about them. O God, friend of the helpless and lowly, you sent your Son to “proclaim good news to the poor.”



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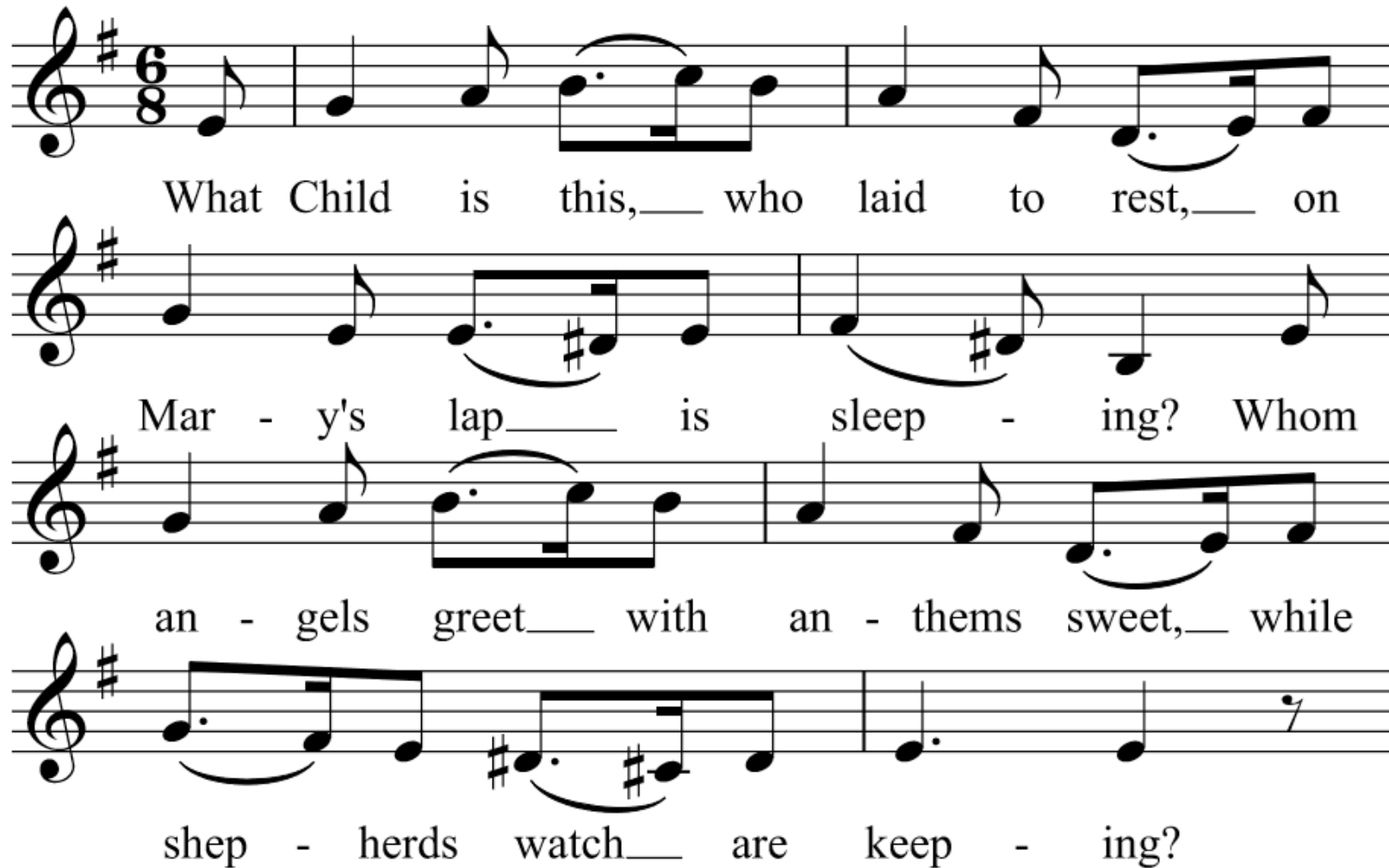
But we care much more about those who already have enough and ignore those who lack even the simplest essentials of life. Holy judge of all, convict and correct us, we pray. Amen.

(based on Worship Sourcebook 2.2.55, p. 104)

What Child Is This

Words by William Chatterton Dix

Traditional English Folk Melody
"Greensleeves"



What Child is this,___ who laid to rest,___ on

Mar - y's lap___ is sleep - ing? Whom

an - gels greet___ with an - thems sweet,___ while

shep - herds watch___ are keep - ing?

2



This, this___ is Christ the King,___ whom



shep - herds guard___ and an - gels sing.



Haste, haste___ to bring Him laud,___ the



Babe,___ the Son___ of Mar - y.



Why lies He in___such mean es - tate___where



ox and ass___ are feed - ing? Good



Christ - ians, fear;___ for sin - ners here___ the



si - lent Word___ is plead - ing.

4



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 Mar - y.

6

Raise, raise the song on high; the

vir - gin sings her lull - a - by.

Joy, joy for Christ is born, the

Babe, the Son of Mar - y.

He Who Is Mighty

Based on the *Magnificat* of Mary, Luke 1:46-55

Rebecca Elliott and Kate DeGraide



Oh, the mer-cy our God has shown to those who sit in death's



sha - dow. The sun on high pierced the night;



born was the Cor - ner - stone. Un - to us a



Son is giv - en. Un - to us a Child is born.

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2



He who is might - y has done a great thing,



ta - ken on flesh and con-quired death's sting,



shat-tered the dark - ness and lift - ed our shame;



Ho - ly is His name!

Ho - ly is His name!



Oh, the free-dom our Sav-ior won, the yoke of sin has been



bro - ken.

Once a slave; now, by grace,



no more con - dem - na - tion.

Un - to us a



Son is giv - en.

Un - to us a Child is born

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Ho - ly is His name!

Ho - ly is His name!



Now my soul mag - ni - fies the Lord. I re -



joice in the God who saves. I will trust His un -



fail - ing love. I will sing His prais - es



all my days. Now my all my days. _____

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Luke 1:39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!



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⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”



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Luke 1:46 And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;



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⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.



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Luke 1:51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;



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⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”