

# The Coventry Carol/What Child is This

Traditional  
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Gently ♩=92

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system contains three staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a quarter note equal to 92 beats per minute. The first system (measures 1-7) features a piano introduction with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The vocal parts enter in measure 1 with a piano (*p*) dynamic, singing 'Lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny'. The second system (measures 8-15) continues the vocal lines with lyrics: 'child, By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay. Lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. The third system (measures 16-23) features a change in piano dynamics to mezzo-piano (*mp*) for the vocal parts, with lyrics: 'By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay. O, sis - ters too, how may we'. The piano accompaniment also changes dynamics to mezzo-piano (*mp*) in measure 16.

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S do, For to pre - serve this day. This poor young - ling for whom we sing, By, by, lul -

A do, For to pre - serve this day. This poor young - ling for whom we sing, By, by lul -

Pno.

34

S ly, lul - lay. What Child is this who laid to rest on

A ly, lul - lay. What Child is this who laid to rest on

Pno.

43

S Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds

A Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds

Pno.

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S watch are keep - ing. *f* This, this, is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and

A watch are keep - ing. *f* This, this, is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and

Pno.

61

S an - gels sing. *f* Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Lu - lay, thou

A an - gels sing. *f* Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Lu - lay, thou

Pno.

70

S lit - tle ti - ny Child. By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay.

A lit - tle ti - ny Child. By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay.

Pno.