

# Greensleeves (What Child Is This?)

Traditional English

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves of music. Each staff includes guitar chord diagrams above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

**Staff 1:** Chords: Dm, F, C. Lyrics: What Child is this \_\_\_\_\_ who laid to

**Staff 2:** Chords: Am, Dm, Bb, A. Lyrics: rest \_\_\_\_\_ on Ma - ry's lap \_\_\_\_\_ is sleep -

**Staff 3:** Chords: Dm, F, C. Lyrics: ing? Whom an - gels greet \_\_\_\_\_ with an - thems

**Staff 4:** Chords: Am, Dm, A, Dm. Lyrics: sweet \_\_\_\_\_ while shep - herds watch \_\_\_\_\_ are keep - ing?

## Greensleeves

18

F C

This, this \_\_\_\_\_ is Christ the King \_\_\_\_\_ whom

22

Dm Bb A

shep - herds guard \_\_\_\_\_ and an - gels sing.

26

F C Am

Haste, haste, \_\_\_\_\_ to bring them laud, \_\_\_\_\_ the

30

Dm A Dm

Babe \_\_\_\_\_ the son \_\_\_\_\_ of Ma - ry.

**What Child Is This:**

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 The King of Kings salvation brings;  
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**Greensleeves verse:**

Alas, my love, you do me wrong,  
 To cast me off discourteously.  
 For I have loved you so long,  
 Delighting in your company.

**Greensleeves chorus:**

Greensleeves was all my joy  
 Greensleeves was my delight,  
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Em G D

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5 Bm Em C B

rest \_\_\_\_\_ on Ma - ry's lap \_\_\_\_\_ is sleep -

9 Em G D

ing? Whom an - gels greet \_\_\_\_\_ with an - thems

13 Bm Em B Em

sweet \_\_\_\_\_ while shep - herds watch \_\_\_\_\_ are keep - ing?

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**E<sup>m</sup> G D B<sup>m</sup>**  
A - las, my love, you do me wrong,  
**E<sup>m</sup> C B**  
To cast me off dis - courteously.  
**E<sup>m</sup> G D B<sup>m</sup>**  
For I have loved you well and long,  
**E<sup>m</sup> B E<sup>m</sup>**  
De - lighting in your company.

## Chorus:

**G D**  
Greensleeves was all my joy  
**E<sup>m</sup> C B**  
Green - sleeves was my delight,  
**G D B<sup>m</sup>**  
Greensleeves was my heart of gold,  
**E<sup>m</sup> B E<sup>m</sup>**  
And who but my lady greensleeves.

Alas, my love, that you should own  
A heart of wanton vanity,  
So must I meditate alone  
Upon your insincerity.

## Chorus

Your vows you've broken, like my heart,  
Oh, why did you so enrapture me?  
Now I remain in a world apart  
But my heart remains in captivity.

## Chorus

If you intend thus to disdain,  
It does the more enrapture me,  
And even so, I still remain  
A lover in captivity.

## Chorus

I have been ready at your hand,  
To grant whatever you would crave,  
I have both wagered life and land,  
Your love and good-will for to have.

Chorus

Thou couldst desire no earthly thing,  
But still thou hadst it readily.  
Thy music still to play and sing;  
And yet thou wouldst not love me.

Chorus

I bought thee kerchiefs for thy head,  
That were wrought fine and gallantly;  
I kept thee at both board and bed,  
Which cost my purse well-favoredly.

Chorus

I bought thee petticoats of the best,  
The cloth so fine as it might be;  
I gave thee jewels for thy chest,  
And all this cost I spent on thee.

Chorus

Thy smock of silk, both fair and white,  
With gold embroidered gorgeously;  
Thy petticoat of sendal right,  
And these I bought thee gladly.

Chorus

My men were clothed all in green,  
And they did ever wait on thee;  
All this was gallant to be seen,  
And yet thou wouldst not love me.

Chorus

They set thee up, they took thee down,  
They served thee with humility;

Thy foot might not once touch the ground,  
And yet thou wouldst not love me.

Chorus

'Tis, I will pray to God on high,  
That thou my constancy mayst see,  
And that yet once before I die,  
Thou wilt vouchsafe to love me.

Chorus

Ah, Greensleeves, now farewell, adieu,  
To God I pray to prosper thee,  
For I am still thy lover true,  
Come once again and love me.

Chorus

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C G

This, this is Christ the King whom

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A m F E

shepherds guard and angels sing.

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C G E m

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A m E A m

Babe the son of Mary.

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