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We consider the fourth-order wave equation  $u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u + mu + |u|^{p-1}u = 0$  in dimensions  $n = 2, 3, 4$ . This model was introduced by Bretherton to understand nonlinear interaction between waves. We prove that any initial data with finite energy leads to a global solution that approaches a linear solution asymptotically in time. (Received September 13, 2009)