

Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep

for

Mixed Chorus

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Piano/Vocal

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Sleep, little baby, sleep;
The holy Angels love thee,
And guard thy bed, and keep
A blessed watch above thee.

No spirit can come near
Nor evil beast to harm thee:
Sleep, Sweet, devoid of fear
Where nothing need alarm thee.

The Love which doth not sleep,
The eternal Arms surround thee:
The Shepherd of the sheep
In perfect love hath found thee.

Sleep through the holy night,
Christ-kept from snare and sorrow,
Until thou wake to light
And love and warmth tomorrow.

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for Maryann

Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep

Adagio (♩ = 60)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Sleep,

Sleep,

Sleep,

Sleep,

Adagio (♩ = 60)

Piano

pp

p

pp

p

A 5

S
A
T
B
Pno.

mp
Sleep, lit - tle ba - by, sleep; The ho - ly An - gels love thee, And

mp
Sleep, lit - tle ba - by, sleep; The ho - ly An - gels love thee, And

mp

9
S
A
T
B
Pno.

guard thy bed, and keep A bles - sed watch a - bove thee.

guard thy bed, and keep A bles - sed watch a - bove thee.

13

B

mp

S No spir - it can come near Nor e - vil beast to harm thee: _____

A No spir - it near Nor beast to harm

T No spir - it near Nor beast to harm thee:

B No spir - it near Nor beast to Nor beast to harm thee:

B

Pno. *mp*

17

pp sub. *p* *pp* *p*

S Sleep, Sweet, Sleep, Sweet, de - void of

A lit - tle ba - by, sleep; Sweet, lit - tle ba - by, sleep; Sweet, de - void of

T Sleep, lit - tle ba - by, sleep; Sleep, lit - tle ba - by, sleep; *mf*

B Sleep, Sweet, Sleep, Sweet,

Pno. *p*

21

mf

S fear Where noth - ing need a - larm - thee. *mp* The

mf

A fear Where noth - ing need a - larm - thee.

mf

T lit - tle ba - by, sleep; noth - ing a - larm - thee.

mf

B fear Where noth - ing a - larm - thee.

Pno. *mf*

C 25

S Love which doth not sleep, The e - ter - nal Arms sur - round thee:

mp

A The Love which doth not sleep, sur - round thee:

mp

T e - ter - nal Arms sur - round thee:

mp

B Love sleep, Arms sur - round thee: *mf* The

C

Pno. *mp*

29

S The Shep-herd of the sheep In per - fect love hath found thee.

A Shep - herd sheep love hath found thee.

T The Shep-herd of the per - fect love hath found thee.

B Shep - herd of the sheep love hath found hath

mp

Pno.

33

S found thee. Sleep through the ho - ly night, Christ -

A found thee.

T found thee. Sleep through the night, Christ -

B found thee.

rit. **D** a tempo *p*

p

Pno.

rit. **D** a tempo *p*

39

Part 6

37

S kept from snare and sor - row, Un - til thou wake to light And

A

T kept from sor - row, Un - til thou wake And

B

Pno.

41

S love and warmth to - mor - row. Sleep through the ho - ly night, Christ -

A

T love to - mor - row. Sleep through the night, Christ -

B

Pno.

E mp 43

mp

mp

mp

mp

E

mp

38

47

45

S kept from snare and sor - row, Sleep, Sweet,

A kept from sor - row, lit - tle ba - by, sleep; Sweet,

T 8 Christ - kept from sor - row, Sleep, lit - tle ba - by, sleep;

B Christ - kept from Christ - kept from sor - row, Sleep, Sweet,

Pno.

49

S Sleep, Sweet, Un - til thou wake to light And love and

A lit - tle ba - by, sleep; Sweet, Un - til thou wake to light And love and

T 8 Sleep, lit - tle ba - by, sleep; lit - tle ba - by, sleep; light love and

B Sleep, Sweet, wake to light love and

Pno.

Coda - 8 -

53

S
warmth _____ Sleep, _____

A
warmth _____ Sleep, _____

T
to light And love and warmth _____ to - mor - row. _____

B
light love and warmth _____ Sleep, _____

Pno.

F *pp* 55 *p*

pp *p*

p *pp* *p*

p

59

57

S
Sleep, _____ Sleep, _____ Sleep, _____

A
Sleep, _____ Sleep, _____ lit - tle ba - by, sleep; Sleep, _____

T
lit - tle ba - by, sleep; Sleep, _____ lit - tle ba - by, sleep; _____

B
Sleep, _____ Sleep, _____ Sleep, _____

Pno.

pp *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

pp *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

p *pp* *p*

pp *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

60

62

S *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *rit.* *morendo*

A *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *morendo*

T *pp* *p* *pp* *p* *morendo*

B *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *morendo*

Pno. *rit.* *pp* *morendo*