

# THE SHEPHERDS' CRADLE SONG

Translated from the German  
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Vernon Hoyle (b.1948)

Andante; ben sostenuto (♩ = 84)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Accomp

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*p con espressione*

O sleep thou heav'n - born trea - sure,  
See, Ma - ry has with mo - ther's

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*sempre pp e legatissimo*

O sleep thou heav'n - born trea - sure,  
See, Ma - ry has with mo - ther's

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*p*

thou, Sleep sound, thou dear - est child; White an - gel wings shall  
love A bed for thee out - spread, While Jo - seph stoops him

*p*

thou, Sleep sound, thou dear - est, dear - est child; White an - gel wings shall  
love A bed for thee, for thee out - spread, While Jo - seph stoops him

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fan thy brow With breez - es soft and mild. We  
 from a - bove, And watch e at head The

fan from thy brow With breez - es, breez - es soft and mild. We  
 from a - bove, And watch - es, watch - es at they head, The

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 from a - bove, And watch - es, watch - es at thy head, The

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shep - herds poor are here to bring A sim - ple lul - lay  
 lamb - kins in the stall so nigh, That thou may'st sleep have

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*, pp* *ten.*  
 to our King. Lul - la - by, lul - la - by, sleep, sleep -  
 hushed their cry. *, pp* *ten.*  
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 hushed their cry. *, pp* *ten.*

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*poco più mosso* ( $\text{♩} = 90$ )  
*mp parlando*  
 soft - ly, lul - la - by. † And when thou'rt big and  
 soft - ly, lul - la - by. *p* Ah  
 soft - ly, lul - la - by. *p* Ah  
 soft - ly, lul - la - by. *p* Ah  
 soft - ly, lul - la - by. *p* Ah

*poco più mosso* ( $\text{♩} = 90$ )  
*p colla voce*

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† If preferred, the passage from this point to bar 48 may be sung by sopranos alone or as a solo (any voice).

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art a man Full woe's in store for thee; For cruel men my death will plan, And

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Ah

Ah

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Ah

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rall.

*f* (ma non troppo)

Tempo primo

*pp*

*dolcissimo*

hang thee on a tree. So sleep, my ba - by, whilst thou

*mf*

*pp*

*dolcissimo*

So sleep, my ba - by, whilst thou

*mf*

*dolcissimo*

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So sleep, my ba - by, whilst thou

*mf*

*pp*

*dolcissimo*

So sleep, my ba - by, whilst thou

rall.

Tempo primo

*mf*

*pp*

*come prima*

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*ten.* poch. meno mosso

may, 'Twill give thee rest a - gainst that day Lul - la -

may, 'Twill give thee rest a - gainst that day. Lul -

may, 'Twill give thee rest a - gainst that day. Lul - la -

may, 'Twill give thee rest a - gainst that day. Lul - la -

*ten.* poch. meno mosso

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*ritenuto*

-by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by, sleep, sleep soft - ly lul - la - by.

- la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by, sleep, sleep soft - ly, lul - la - by.

-by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by, sleep, sleep soft - ly lul - la - by.

-by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by, sleep, sleep soft - ly lul - la - by.

*rall. ten.* *ritenuto*

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