



Sleep, sleep,  
mother's own  
pretty one

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Sleep, sleep, mother's own pretty one,  
Sleep while the cradle doth rock thee in slumber;  
Out in the west, all red with the setting sun,  
Father is sailing,  
'Mid the wind's wailing;  
Soon he'll return, and joys without number,  
Kisses and love he'll bring to his little one,  
Sleep, angels will keep father and mother and thee  
Till the night is done, sleep, sleep.

Rest, rest, the lone waves are sighing,  
Night all their beauty in blackness is steeping,  
While mother watches where thou art lying,  
Father is sailing,  
'Mid the wind's wailing,  
Over the billows his frail bark is leaping,  
Yet to thy cradle his thoughts home are flying,  
Rest, angels blest, keep him and thee,  
Now the day is dying, Rest, rest.

Anon.

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Andante tranquillo ♩ = 100

S Sleep, sleep, mo - ther's own pret - ty one, Sleep while the cra - dle doth

A Sleep, sleep, Sleep while the cra - dle doth

T Sleep, sleep, Sleep while the cra - dle doth

B Sleep, sleep, Sleep while the cra - dle doth

7

S rock thee in slum - ber; Out in the west, all red with the set - ting sun, *cresc.*

A rock thee in slum - ber; Out in the west - - - ern red, *cresc.*

T rock thee in slum - ber; Out in the west - - - ern red, *cresc.*

B rock thee in slum - ber; Out in the west, all red with the set - ting sun, *cresc.*

13

S Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing; Soon he'll re - *f* *poco rit.* *mf a tempo*

A Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing; Soon he'll re - *f* *poco rit.* *mf a tempo*

T Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing; Soon he'll re - *f* *poco rit.* *mf a tempo*

B Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing; Soon *f* *poco rit.* *mf a tempo*

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S turn, and joys with - out num - ber, Kiss - es and love he'll

A turn, and joys with - out num - ber, Kiss - es and love he'll

T turn, and joys with - out num - ber, Kiss - es and love he'll

B he'll re - turn, re - turn to his

*dim.*

23

S bring to his lit - tle one, Sleep, an - gels will

A bring to his lit - tle one, Sleep, sleep,

T bring to his lit - tle one, Sleep, an - gels will

B lit - - - - tle one, Sleep, sleep,

*p*

28

S keep fa - ther and mo - ther and thee Till the night is done,

A an - - - gels will keep thee

T keep thee, an - - - gels will keep thee,

B sleep, sleep,

33 *morendo*

S sleep, \_\_\_\_\_ sleep. \_\_\_\_\_

A *morendo* Till \_\_\_\_\_ the night is done, \_\_\_\_\_

T *morendo* sleep, \_\_\_\_\_ sleep. \_\_\_\_\_

B *morendo* sleep, \_\_\_\_\_ sleep. \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

39 *p*

S Rest, rest, the lone waves are sigh - ing, Night all their beau - ty in

A *p* Rest, \_\_\_\_\_ rest, \_\_\_\_\_ Night all their beau - ty in

T *p* Rest, \_\_\_\_\_ rest, \_\_\_\_\_ Night all their beau - ty in

B *p* Rest, \_\_\_\_\_ rest, \_\_\_\_\_ Night all their beau - ty in

45 *cresc.*

S black - ness is steep - ing, While mo - ther watch - es where thou art

A *cresc.* black - ness is steep - ing, While mo - ther watch -

T *cresc.* black - ness is steep - ing, While \_\_\_\_\_ mo - ther watch -

B *cresc.* black - ness is steep - ing, While mo - ther watch - es where thou art

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S ly - ing, Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing,

A - - es thee, Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing,

T - es thee, Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing,

B ly - ing, Fa - ther is sail - ing, 'Mid the wind's wail - ing,

*f* *poco rit.*

55

S O - ver the bil - lows his frail bark is leap - ing, Yet to thy

A O - ver the bil - lows his frail bark is leap - ing, Yet to thy

T O - ver the bil - lows his frail bark is leap - ing, Yet to thy

B Yet to thy cra - - - dle his thoughts

*mf a tempo* *dim.*

60

S cra - dle his thoughts home are fly - ing, Rest, an - gels

A cra - dle his thoughts home are fly - ing, Rest, rest,

T cra - dle his thoughts home are fly - ing, Rest, an - gels

B home are fly - - - ing, Rest, rest,

*p*

66

S blest, keep him and thee, Now the day is dy - ing,

A an - gels keep thee,

T blest, an - gels blest, keep thee,

B rest, rest,

71 *morendo*

S Rest, rest,

A *morendo* Now the day is dy - ing, Rest, *ppp*

T *morendo* Rest, rest, rest, *ppp*

B *morendo* rest, rest, rest, *ppp*

78 *ppp* *perdendosi* *rall.* *pppp*

S rest, rest, rest, rest, rest.

A *perdendosi* rest, rest, rest, rest. *pppp*

T *perdendosi* rest, rest, rest, rest. *pppp*

B *perdendosi* rest, rest, rest, rest. *pppp*

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