

**Nursery Rhymes  
No. 1**

**When Little Birdie  
Bye-Bye Goes**

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(1837-1912)**

**Howard M. Dow** (1837-1912) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended the old Mason Street school and at the age of seven began to take instructions on the organ, and at nine on the piano and in composition. At age sixteen he became a church organist in South Boston, beginning an organist career of fifty-two years. He held positions at Dr. Hale's Church; Trinity; Arlington Street Church; Second Church; the Church of the Unity; Union Church, Nahant; and the First Unitarian Church, Hingham. He was in great demand as an accompanist for concert singers. He died at the residence of his son at Pelham Manor, New Rochelle, New York. He composed a number of anthems, songs, part-songs, sacred quartets, and a number of works for men's voices, many intended for use in the Masonic Lodge of which he was an active member.

When little Birdie Bye-Bye goes  
Quiet as mice in churches,  
He puts his head where no one knows,  
On one leg he perches.

When little Babie Bye-Bye goes  
On Mama's arm reposing;  
Soon he lies beneath the clothes,  
Safe in the cradle dozing.

When pretty Kitty goes to sleep,  
Tail and nose together;  
Then little mice around her creep,  
Lightly as a feather.

When little Babie goes to sleep  
And he is very near us;  
Then on tiptoe softly creep,  
That Babie may not hear us.

Lullaby! Lullaby!

Nursery Rhyme

# When Little Birdie Bye-Bye Goes

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*Allegretto scherzando*

S *mf* When lit - tle Bird - ie Bye - Bye goes Qui - et as mice in church - es,

A *mf* When lit - tle Bird - ie Bye - Bye goes Qui - et as mice in church - es,

T *mf* When lit - tle Bird - ie Bye - Bye goes Qui - et as mice in church - es,

B *mf* When lit - tle Bird - ie Bye - Bye goes Qui - et as mice in church - es,

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S He puts his head where no one knows, On one leg he perch - es.

A He puts his head where no one knows, On one leg he perch - es.

T He puts his head where no one knows, On one leg he perch - es.

B He puts his head where no one knows, On one leg he perch - es.

# When Little Birdie Bye-Bye Goes

9 *p*

S When lit - tle Ba - bie Bye - Bye goes On Ma - ma's arm re - pos - ing;

A When lit - tle Ba - bie Bye - Bye goes On Ma - ma's arm re - pos - ing;

T When lit - tle Ba - bie Bye - Bye goes On Ma - ma's arm re - pos - ing;

B When lit - tle Ba - bie Bye - Bye goes On Ma - ma's arm re - pos - ing; Soon he

13 *rit.* *dim.*

S Soon he \_\_\_ lies be - neath \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ clothes, Safe in the cra - dle doz - ing.

A Soon he lies be - neath the clothes, Safe \_\_\_ in the cra - dle doz - ing.

T Soon he \_\_\_ lies be - neath \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ clothes, Safe in the cra - dle doz - ing.

B lies, he lies be - neath the clothes, Safe in the cra - dle doz - ing.

*a tempo*

17 *mf*

S When pret - ty Kit - ty goes to sleep, Tail and \_\_\_ nose to - geth - er;

A When pret - ty Kit - ty goes to sleep, Tail and nose to - geth - er;

T When pret - ty Kit - ty goes to sleep, Tail and \_\_\_ nose to - geth - er;

B When pret - ty Kit - ty goes to sleep, Tail and nose to - geth - er;

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S Then lit - tle mice a - round her creep, Light - ly as a feath - er.

A Then lit - tle mice a - round her creep, Light - ly as a feath - er.

T Then lit - tle mice a - round her creep, Light - ly as a feath - er.

B Then lit - tle mice a - round her creep, Light - ly as a feath - er.

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S *p* When lit - tle Ba - bie goes to sleep And he is ver - y near us;

A *p* When lit - tle Ba - bie goes to sleep And he is ver - y near us;

T *p* When lit - tle Ba - bie goes to sleep And he is ver - y near us;

B *p* When lit - tle Ba - bie goes to sleep And he is ver - y near us; Then on

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S Then on tip - toe soft - ly creep, That Ba - bie may not hear us.

A Then on tip - toe soft - ly creep, That Ba - bie may not hear us.

T Then on tip - toe soft - ly creep, That Ba - bie may not hear us.

B tip - toe, tip - toe soft - ly creep, That Ba - bie may not hear us.

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**Adagio cantabile e sostenuto**


33 *pp* *poco rit.*

S Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by!

A Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by!

T Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by! Lul - la -

B Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by!

36 *dim.* *morendo* *ppp* 

S Lul - la - - - by! Lul - la - - by!

A Lul - la - - - by! Lul - la - - by!

T by! Lul - la - by! Lul - la - by!

B Lul - la - - - by! Lul - la - by!

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