



Peacefully slumber,
my own
darling son

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Oliver Arthur King (1855-1923) was born in London. He studied under Sir Joseph Barnaby as an articled pupil and under William Henry Holmes. He then studied piano at the Leipzig Conservatory 1874-77 and toured Germany as a concert pianist. Returning to England, he was appointed pianist to the Princess Louise and traveled to Canada in that capacity. He performed concert tours in the US, UK, and Holland. He was Choirmaster at St. Anne's Church, Soho, and later musical director at St. Mary's, Marylebone. He composed a symphonic poem, concertos, a concert overture, several chamber works, cantatas, a Te Deum, many piano pieces and organ pieces, an album of duets for soprano and alto, songs and part-songs.

Peacefully slumber, my own darling son;
Close thy dear eyelids and sweetly sleep on;
All things lie buried in silence profound.
Sleep— I will scare e'en the gnats floating round.

'Tis now, my dearest, thy life's early May—
Ah! but tomorrow is not as today.
Trouble and care round thy curtains shall soar;
Then, child, thou'lt slumber so sweetly no more.

Angels of heaven, as lovely as thou,
Float o'er thy cradle and smile on thee now.
Later, when angels around thee shall stray,
'Twill be to wipe but thy teardrops away.

Peacefully slumber, my own darling son,
I'll watch by thy bedside till dark night is gone;
Careless how early, how late it may be,
Mother's love wearies not, watching o'er thee.

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Andante
pp

S
Peace - ful - ly slum - ber, my own dar - ling son; Close thy dear

A
Peace - ful - ly slum - ber, my own dar - ling son; Close thy dear

T
Peace - ful - ly slum - ber, my own dar - ling son; Close thy dear

B
Peace - ful - ly slum - - - ber, my own

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S
eye - lids and sweet - ly sleep on; All things lie bur - ied in

A
eye - lids and sweet - ly sleep on; All things lie bur - ied in

T
eye - lids and sweet - ly sleep on; All things lie bur - ied in

B
dar - ling son; Close thy dear

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S
si - lence pro - found. Sleep— I will scare e'en the gnats float - ing

A
si - lence pro - found. Sleep— I will scare e'en the gnats float - ing

T
si - lence pro - found. Sleep— I will scare e'en the gnats float - ing

B
eye - - - lids and sweet - - - ly sleep

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Risoluto

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S round. 'Tis now, my dear - est, thy life's ear - ly May—

A round. 'Tis now, my dear - est, thy life's ear - ly May—

T round. 'Tis now, my dear - est, thy life's ear - ly May—

B on. 'Tis now, my dear - est, thy life's ear - ly May—

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S Ah! but to - mor - row is not as to - day. *cresc.* Trou - ble and *ff*

A Ah! but to - mor - row is not as to - day. *cresc.* Trou - ble and *ff*

T Ah! but to - mor - row is not as to - day. *cresc.* Trou - ble and *ff*

B Ah! but to - mor - row is not as to - day. *cresc.* Trou - ble and *ff*

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S care round thy cur - tains shall soar; Then, child, thou'lt slum - ber so *dim.*

A care round thy cur - tains shall soar; Then, child, thou'lt slum - ber so *dim.*

T care round thy cur - tains shall soar; Then, child, thou'lt slum - ber so *dim.*

B care round thy cur - tains shall soar; Then, child, thou'lt slum - ber so *dim.*

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S sweet - ly no more. An - gels of hea - ven, as love - ly as

A sweet - ly no more. An - gels of hea - ven, as love - ly as

T sweet - ly no more. An - gels of hea - ven, as love - ly as

B sweet - ly no more. An - gels of hea -

36

S thou, Float o'er thy cra - dle and smile on thee now.

A thou, Float o'er thy cra - dle and smile on thee now.

T thou, Float o'er thy cra - dle and smile on thee now.

B ven, as love - - - ly as thou,

41

S La - ter, when an - gels a - round thee shall stray, 'Twill be to

A La - ter, when an - gels a - round thee shall stray, 'Twill be to

T La - ter, when an - gels a - round thee shall stray, 'Twill be to

B Float o'er thy cra - - - dle and smile

Peacefully slumber, my own darling son

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S wipe but thy tear - drops a - way. Peace - ful - ly slum - ber, my

A wipe but thy tear - drops a - way. Peace - ful - ly slum - ber, my

T wipe but thy tear - drops a - way. Peace - ful - ly slum - ber, my

B on thee now. Care - less how

ppp

51

S own dar - ling son, I'll watch by thy bed - side till

A own dar - ling son, I'll watch by thy bed - side till

T own dar - ling son, I'll watch by thy bed - side till

B ear - - - ly, how late it may

55

S dark night is gone; Care - less how ear - ly, how late it may

A dark night is gone; Care - less how ear - ly, how late it may

T dark night is gone; Care - less how ear - ly, how late it may

B be, Moth - er's love wea - ries

Peacefully slumber, my own darling son

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S
be, Moth - er's love wea - ries not, watch - ing o'er thee.

A
be, Moth - er's love wea - ries not, watch - ing o'er thee.

T
be, Moth - er's love wea - ries not, watch - ing o'er thee.

B
not, watch - - - - ing o'er thee.

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