



Sleep, Gentle Babe

Henry Smart
(1813-1879)

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S *pp* Sleep, gen - tle babe, _____ your moth - er watch - es

A *pp* Sleep, gen - tle babe, _____ your moth - er watch - es

T *pp* Sleep, gen - tle babe, _____ your moth - er watch - es

B *pp* Sleep, gen - tle babe, your moth - er watch - - - es

4
S *pp* o'er you, Soft sleeps the moon - beam on your

A *pp* o'er you, Soft sleeps the moon - beam

T *pp* o'er you, Soft sleeps the moon - beam

B *pp* o'er you, Soft sleeps the moon - beam

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S
cra - - - dle bed; Sleep while the

A
on your cra - dle bed; Sleep while the

T
on your cra - dle bed; Sleep while the

B
on your cra - dle bed; Sleep

poco cresc.

10

S
storms of life are yet be - fore you,

A
storms of life are yet be - fore you,

T
storms of life are yet be - fore you,

B
while the storms of life are yet be - fore you,

13

S
Soft lies the pil - low 'neath your drow - - - sy

A
Soft lies the pil - low 'neath your drow - sy

T
Soft lies the pil - low 'neath your drow - - - sy

B
Soft lies the pil - low 'neath your drow - sy

dim.

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S head. _____ No thoughts of wrong _____ your

A head. No thoughts of wrong _____ your balm - y

T head. _____ No thoughts of wrong _____ your

B head. _____ No thoughts of wrong _____ your

cresc.

19

S balm - y slum - bers break - ing; No rude a -

A slum - - - bers break - ing; No rude a -

T balm - y slum - bers break - ing; No rude a -

B balm - y slum - bers break - ing; No rude a -

mf

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S larm, _____ no care to vex your wak - ing, Sleep

A larm, no care to vex your wak - ing, Sleep

T larm, no care to vex your wak - ing, Sleep

B larm, _____ no care to vex your wak - ing,

pp

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S sound and deep, _____ in per - fect peace re -

A sound and deep, _____ in per - fect peace re -

T sound and deep, _____ in per - fect peace re -

B *pp* Sleep sound and deep, in per - - - - fect

28

S pos - ing; Sleep, gen - tle babe, your pret - ty

A pos - ing; Sleep, gen - tle babe, your pret - ty

T pos - ing; Sleep, gen - tle babe, your pret - ty

B peace re - pos - ing; Sleep, gen - tle babe, your pret - ty

31

S eye - lids clos - ing; _____ *p* Soft sleeps the

A eye - lids clos - ing; _____ *p* Soft sleeps the

T eye - lids clos - ing; _____ *p* Soft sleeps the

B eye - lids clos - ing; Sleep on till day, _____ *p*

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S moon - beam on your cra - dle bed, _____

A moon - beam on your cra - dle bed, _____

T moon - beam on your cra - dle bed, _____

B *poco cresc.* _____

Sleep on, sleep

37

S *poco cresc.* Soft lies the pil - low 'neath your drow - - - sy *dim.*

A *poco cresc.* Soft lies the pil - low 'neath your drow - - - sy *dim.*

T *poco cresc.* Soft lies the pil - low 'neath your drow - - - sy *dim.*

B *dim.* _____

on, _____ Sleep on till

40

S *pp* head, Sleep on, sleep on, sleep on till

A *pp* head, Sleep on, sleep on, sleep on till

T *pp* head, Sleep on, sleep on, sleep on till

B *pp* day, sleep on till day, sleep on till day, sleep

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S
day, Sleep on, sleep on.

A
day, Sleep on, sleep on.

T
day, Sleep on, sleep on.

B
on till day, Sleep on, sleep on.

Tonic Sol-Fa Agency
(1872)

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879) was born in London, son of a music publisher, orchestra director and violinist. He declined a commission in the Indian army and planned to work in law, but he gave it up for a musical career. He was organist of Blackburn parish church; St. Giles-without-Cripplegate; St. Luke's, Old Street; and finally of St. Pancras New Church. He was the music editor for *Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship* (1867), the *Presbyterian Hymnal* (1875), and the hymn book of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. He was a recognized authority on organs and designed many instruments, including those in the City Hall and St. Andrew's Hall in Glasgow, Scotland, and the Town Hall in Leeds. Smart was highly rated as a composer by his contemporaries, especially his organ works and part-songs. His best-known compositions are now probably the hymn tune "Regent Square", commonly sung with the words "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory". In the last fifteen years of his life Smart was practically blind. He composed by dictation, primarily to his daughter.

Sleep, gentle babe, your mother watches o'er you,
Soft sleeps the moonbeam on your cradle bed;
Sleep while the storms of life are yet before you,
Soft lies the pillow 'neath your drowsy head.

No thoughts of wrong your balmy slumbers breaking;
No rude alarm, no care to vex your waking,
Sleep sound and deep, in perfect peace reposing;
Sleep, gentle babe, your pretty eyelids closing.

James Steven Stallybrass (1826-1888)

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