

Choral music for Christmas

Lullaby

Ken Johnston

FULL SCORE

for 2 part voices (2nd part optional)
with piano and (optional) strings

Text: George Wither (17th century)

Original version (2 part voices and piano) composed 1994

This version, 2002

Duration of piece: 5'

Versions of this piece are also available for the following voice combinations:

SSA (or SAA)
SATB
SAB

Each version has the same accompaniment options as above

For each version, a FULL SCORE and a VOCAL SCORE (voices + piano) is available

String parts are available separately

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Gently ♩ = 60

1) Sweet ba-by sleep, what ails my dear?

What ails my dar-ling thus to cry? Be still my child, and lend thine ear,

To hear me sing thy lul-la-by... My pret-ty lamb for-bear to weep,

Be still my dear, sweet ba-by sleep. Sweet ba-by then for-bear to weep,

Duration: 5'

* In this version the melody is always in part 1, and the optional line is part 2.
** In this string arrangement the double bass part can be omitted if desired.

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1

Such in - no - cents _____ as thou, my dear, Are ev - er pre - cious in his sight.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.



30

B

1

My pret - ty lamb _____ for - bear to weep, Be still my dear, _____ sweet ba - by sleep.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

34 *poco cresc.*

1 Sweet ba - by then for - bear to weep, Be still my babe, sweet ba - by sleep.

poco cresc.

Vln I *poco cresc.* *dim.*

Vln II *poco cresc.* *dim.*

Vla *poco cresc.* *dim.*

Vc. *poco cresc.* *dim.*

Db. *poco cresc.* arco *dim.*

38 **C**

1 (melody) *mp*

2 (optional 2nd part) *p*

The wants that he did then sus-tain

Vln I *p*

Vln II *p*

Vla *p*

Vc. *p* pizz.

Db. *p*

43

1 Have pur - chased wealth, my babe, — for thee, — And by his tor - ments — and his pain —

2

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

47

D

1 Thy rest and ease se - cur - ed be. My pret - ty lamb — for - bear to weep,

2

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

pizz.

(pizz.)

51

1 *poco cresc.*
Be still my dear, _____ sweet ba-by sleep. Sweet ba-by then _____ for-bear to weep,

2 *poco cresc.*

poco cresc.

Vln I *poco cresc.*

Vln II *poco cresc.*

Vla *poco cresc.*

Vc. *poco cresc.*

Db. *poco cresc.*

55

1 *p*
Be still my babe, _____ sweet ba-by sleep, _____ sweet ba-by sleep.

2 *p*
Be still my babe, _____ sweet ba-by sleep, _____

p

Vln I *dim.*

Vln II *dim.*

Vla *arco dim.*

Vc. *arco dim.*

Db. *arco dim.*

59 E *mp*

1 My pret-ty lamb for-bear to weep, Be still my dear,

2 sweet ba-by sleep. My pret-ty lamb for-bear to weep, Be still my dear,

poco cresc. *mp*

Vln I *poco cresc.* *mp*

Vln II *poco cresc.* *mp*

Vla *poco cresc.* *mp*

Vc. *poco cresc.* *mp*

Db. *poco cresc.* *mp* pizz.

63 *poco cresc.*

1 — sweet ba-by sleep. Sweet ba-by then for-bear to weep, Be still my babe,

2 — sweet ba-by sleep. Sweet ba-by then for-bear to weep, Be still my babe,

poco cresc. *poco cresc.*

Vln I *poco cresc.*

Vln II *poco cresc.*

Vla *poco cresc.*

Vc. *poco cresc.*

Db. *poco cresc.*

67

1 sweet ba - by sleep, *p* sweet ba - by sleep,

2 sweet ba - by sleep, *p* sweet ba - by sleep,

Vln I *dim.* *p*

Vln II *dim.* *p*

Vla *dim.* *p*

Vc. *dim.* *p*

Db. *dim.* *p*

70 *rit.*

1 *pp* sweet ba - by sleep.

2 *pp* sweet ba - by sleep.

Vln I *pp*

Vln II *pp*

Vla *pp*

Vc. *pp* arco

Db. *pp*