

Choral music for Christmas

Lullaby

Ken Johnston

VOCAL 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

Vocal score -
2 part (2nd part optional)

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Words -
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Music -
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1 **Gently** $\text{♩} = 60$ *p*

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

Piano *pp*
(with pedal)

5

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

9

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

13 *poco cresc.*

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

* In this version the melody is always in part 1, and the optional line is part 2.
** The optional string parts are not written on this vocal score.

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17 A

1 Be still my babe, _____ sweet ba-by_ sleep.

pp

Ped.

21 *p*

1 2) When God with us _____ was dwel-ling here, In lit-tle babes he took

25

1 — de- light. Such in-no- cents _____ as thou, my dear, Are ev-er pre - cious

29 B

1 in his sight. My pret-ty lamb _____ for-bear to weep, Be still my dear, _____

33

1 *poco cresc.*
 — sweet ba - by sleep. Sweet ba - by then _____ for - bear to weep,

poco cresc.

36

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

p

Ped.

40

1 (melody) *mp*
 The wants that he _____ did then sus - tain

2 (optional 2nd part) *p*

43

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

2

47 D

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

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

51 *poco cresc.*

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

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

poco cresc.

55

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

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

p

58 *p* E *mp*

1 sweet ba - by__ sleep.___ My pret - ty lamb__

2 sweet ba - by__ sleep.___ My pret - ty__ lamb

mp

61

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

2 — for - bear to weep, — Be still my dear, — sweet ba - by__ sleep.

64 *poco cresc.*

1 Sweet ba - by then__ for - bear to weep, Be still my babe, —

2 — Sweet ba - by__ then__ for - bear to weep, — Be still my babe,

poco cresc.

67

1
— sweet ba - by___ sleep, — *p* sweet ba - by___ sleep,

2
— sweet ba - by___ sleep, — *p* sweet ba - by___ sleep,

p

70 **rit.**

1
— *pp* sweet ba - by___ sleep.

2
— *pp* sweet ba - by___ sleep.

pp