

Choral music for Christmas

Lullaby

Ken Johnston

VOCAL SCORE

for SAB voices
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:

2 part (2nd part optional)
SSA (or SAA)
SATB

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 -
SAB

Lullaby

Words -
George Wither (17th century)

for SAB voices and piano with (optional) strings*

Music -
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Gently ♩ = 60

A (altos only) *p*

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

Piano *pp*

(with pedal)

5

A

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

9

S

p

My pret-ty lamb _____ for-bear to weep,

A *pp*

To hear me sing thy lul-la- by... mm

B *pp*

* In this vocal score the string parts are not shown.

Duration: 5'

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

A *poco cresc.*
mm

B *poco cresc.*

17

S **A**
Be still my babe, _____ sweet ba-by_ sleep..

A

B

pp

Ped.

21 *pp*

S
A

B

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

25

S
A

B

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

29 **B** *p*

S
A

B

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

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

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

36 Be still my babe, — sweet ba - by — sleep. — [C]

p

mp

p

ped.

40 *p*
3) The wants that he — did then sus - tain —

mp

p
3) The wants that he — did then sus - tain

43

S
A
B

Have pur - chased wealth, my babe, — for thee, — And by his tor - ments_

Have pur - chased wealth, my babe, for thee, — And by his tor - ments_

46

S
A
B

— and his pain_ Thy rest and ease se - cur-ed be. My pret-ty lamb_

— and his pain Thy rest and ease se - cur-ed be. My pret-ty lamb_

D

50

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

A *poco cresc.*
— for-bear to weep, — Be still my dear, — sweet ba-by sleep. — ah —

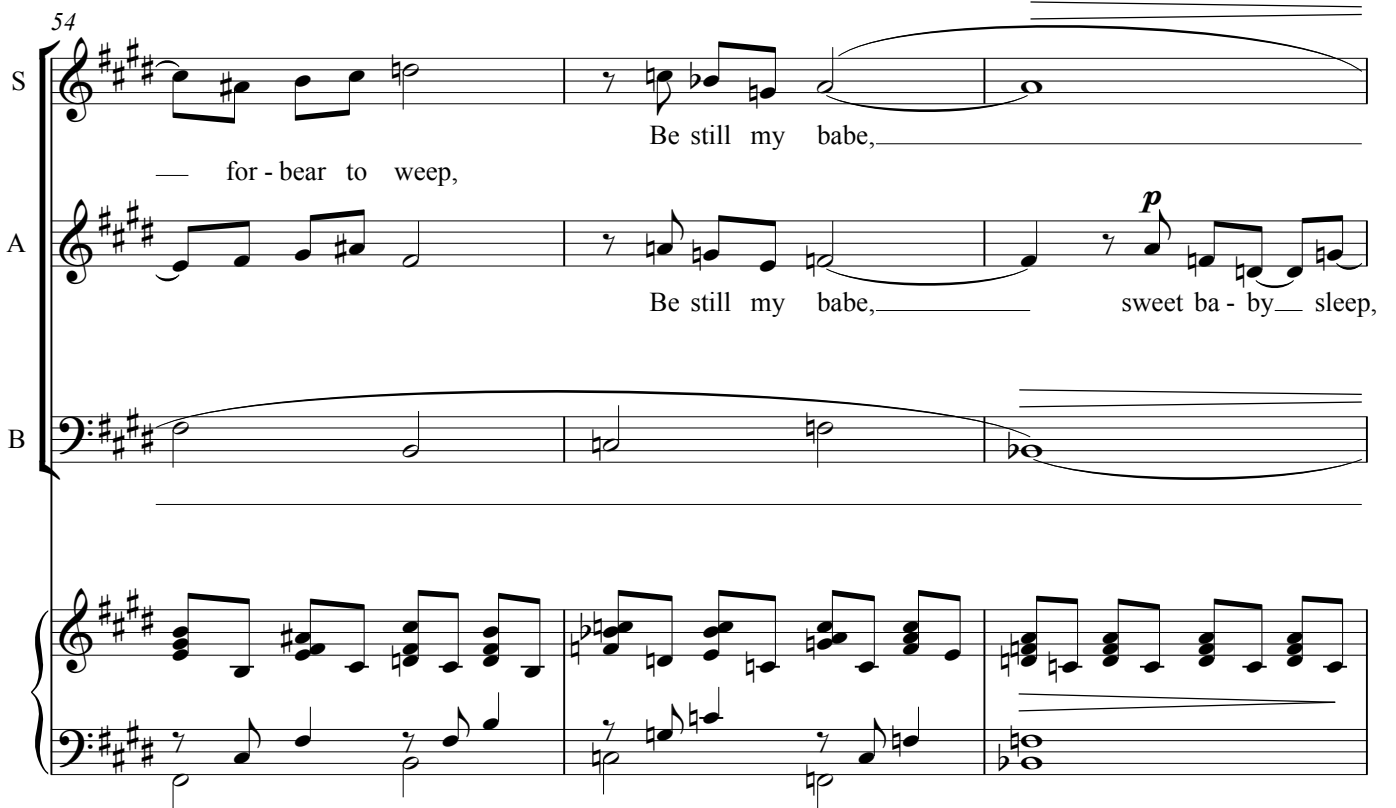
B *poco cresc.*
— for-bear to weep, — Be still my dear, — sweet ba-by sleep. — ah —

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S
— for - bear to weep, Be still my babe, —

A *p*
— for - bear to weep, Be still my babe, — sweet ba - by — sleep,

B



57

S *p* sweet ba - by__ sleep, sweet ba - by__ sleep.

A sweet ba - by__ sleep.

B *p* sweet ba - by__ sleep.

60 **E**

S *mp* My pret - ty__ lamb__ for - bear to weep, Be still my dear,

A *mp* My pret - ty__ lamb__ for - bear to weep, Be still my dear,

B *mp* My pret - ty__ lamb__ for - bear to weep, Be still my dear,

63

S *poco cresc.*
sweet ba - by__ sleep__ Sweet ba - by__ then__ for - bear to weep,

A *poco cresc.*
— sweet ba - by sleep. Sweet ba - by then__ for - bear to weep,

B *poco cresc.*
ah

66

S Be still my babe,__ sweet ba - by__ sleep,__

A Be still my babe,__

B sweet ba - by__ sleep,__

69

S *p* *rit.* *pp*
sweet ba - by__ sleep,__ sweet ba - by__ sleep.

A *p* *pp*
sweet ba - by__ sleep,__ sweet ba - by__ sleep.

B *p* *pp*
sweet ba - by__ sleep,__ sweet ba - by__ sleep.