

Choral music for Christmas

Lullaby

Ken Johnston

FULL SCORE

for **SSA (or SAA) 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)
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

First system of the musical score. It includes staves for Soprano 1 (S), Soprano 2 (S), Alto (A), Piano, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double bass. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a quarter note equal to 60 beats per minute. The piano part begins with a *pp* dynamic and a '(with pedal)' instruction. The alto part has a *P* dynamic and the lyrics: '1) Sweet ba-by sleep, what ails my dear?'.

Second system of the musical score, starting at measure 5. It features the Alto (A) part with lyrics: 'What ails my dar-ling_ thus_ to cry?_ Be still my child, and lend thine ear,'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand.

Third system of the musical score, starting at measure 9. It includes staves for Soprano 1 (S), Soprano 2 (S), Alto (A), and Piano. The Soprano 1 part has lyrics: 'My pret-ty lamb_ for-bear to weep,'. The Soprano 2 part has a *pp* dynamic and a *mm* marking. The Alto part has lyrics: 'To hear me sing thy lul-la-by_'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern.

Duration: 5'

* The second soprano part can be sung by altos.
** In this string arrangement the double bass part can be omitted if desired.

22 *pp*

S
S

oo

A *p*

2) When God with us _____ was dwell - ing here, In lit - tle babes he took de - light.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

26

S
S

oo

A

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

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

39 **C**

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

S *mp* 3) The wants that he did then sus - tain

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

p

Vln I *p*

Vln II

Vla *p*

Vc. *p* pizz.

Db. pizz. *p*

43

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

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

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

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

47 **D**

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

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

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

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc. (pizz.)

Db.

51 *poco cresc.*

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

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

A Be still my dear, sweet ba - by sleep. ah

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

55

S
Be still my babe, sweet ba-by sleep,

S
Be still my babe, sweet ba-by sleep, sweet ba-by sleep.

A
sweet ba-by sleep.

Vln I
dim.

Vln II
dim.

Vla
arco
dim.

Vc.
arco
dim.

Db.
arco
dim.

59

E

mp

S sweet ba-by_ sleep. My pret-ty_ lamb_ for-bear to weep, Be still my dear,

S My pret-ty_ lamb_ for-bear to weep, Be still my dear,

A My pret-ty_ lamb_ for-bear to weep, Be still my dear,

mp

Vln I *poco cresc.* *mp*

Vln II *poco cresc.* *mp*

Vla *poco cresc.* *mp*

Vc. *poco cresc.* *mp* pizz.

Db. *poco cresc.* *mp*

63

poco cresc.

S sweet ba - by_ sleep. Sweet ba - by_ then_ for-bear to weep, Be still my babe,

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

A ah *poco cresc.*

poco cresc.

Vln I *poco cresc.*

Vln II *poco cresc.*

Vla *poco cresc.*

Vc. *poco cresc.*

Db. *poco cresc.*

67

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

S sweet ba - by sleep, *p*

A 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.*

S *pp* sweet ba - by sleep.

S *pp*

A *pp* sweet ba - by sleep.

Vln I *pp*

Vln II *pp*

Vla *pp*

Vc. *pp* arco

Db. *pp*