

Choral music for Christmas

Lullaby

Ken Johnston

FULL SCORE

for SATB 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)
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

Full score

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Words -
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for SATB voices and piano with (optional) strings*

Music -
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Gently ♩ = 60

S

A (altos only) *P*
1) Sweet ba-by sleep, what ails my dear?

T

B

Piano *pp*
(with pedal)

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double bass

A

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

S

A *pp*
To hear me sing thy lul-la-by_ mm

T *pp*

B *pp*

* In this string arrangement the double bass part can be omitted if desired.

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

T B *poco cresc.*

poco cresc.



17

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

A

T B

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pizz.

pp

22 *pp*

S
A

oo

(TB unison) *p*

T
B

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
A

oo

T
B

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** *p*

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

(TB div.)
T
B
p

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

34 *poco cresc.*

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

ah

T
B
poco cresc.

poco cresc.

Vln I
poco cresc.

Vln II
poco cresc.

Vla
poco cresc.

Vc.
poco cresc.

Db.
poco cresc.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

arco

dim.

p

39 **C**

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

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

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

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

Vln I *p*

Vln II *p*

Vla *p*

Vc. *p* pizz.

Db. *p* pizz.

43

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

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

B 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,

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

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

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

Vln I

Vln II

Vla pizz.

Vc. (pizz.)

Db.

51

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

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

T Be still my dear, sweet ba - by sleep. ah *poco cresc.*

B Be still my dear, sweet ba - by sleep. ah *poco cresc.*

Vln I *poco cresc.*

Vln II *poco cresc.*

Vla *poco cresc.*

Vc. *poco cresc.*

Db. *poco cresc.*

55

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

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

T
sweet ba-by sleep, sweet

B
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,

A — ba-by_ sleep.. (AT unis.) My pret-ty lamb — for-bear to weep, Be still my dear, —

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

B — 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*

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

63 *poco cresc.*

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

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

T — sweet ba-by sleep. ah —

B — sweet ba-by sleep. ah —

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,

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

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

B
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.

A
pp sweet ba - by sleep.

T
pp unis. sweet ba - by sleep.

B
pp sweet ba - by sleep.

Piano
pp

Vln I
pp

Vln II
pp

Vla
pp

Vc.
pp arco

Db.
pp