

Cradle Song

Commissioned by the Canticum Novum Singers, Harold Rosenbaum, Conductor.

William Blake (1757-1827)

Nancy Wertsch

Andante, with a rocking motion ♩ = 50

mp

Children's Choir
or Soprano Solo

Sweet dreams,

p legato *poco rit.* *mp a tempo*
man. Ped.

5

form a shade Over my love-ly in - fant's head; Sweet dreams

9

of plea-sant streams By hap-py, si-lent, moon-y beams.

Sweet sleep, *p*

Sweet sleep, *p*

Sweet sleep, *p*

Sweet sleep, *p*

13

with soft down Weave thy brows an in-fant crown. Sweet sleep, *pp*

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17

mf

Sweet smiles,
 Ang - el mild, Ho - ver o'er my hap - py child.
 Ang - el mild, Ho - ver o'er my hap - py child.
 Ang - el mild, Ho - ver o'er my hap - py child.
 Ang - el mild, Ho - ver o'er my hap - py child.

21

in the night Ho - ver o - ver my de - light;

24

mp
Sweet sleep, An - gel mild, Ho - ver o'er my ha - py child.

mp
Sweet sleep, Ang - el mild, Ho - ver o'er my hap - py child.

mp
Sweet sleep, Ang - el mild, Ho - ver o'er my p - py child.

mp
Sweet sleep, Ang - el mild, Ho - ver o'er my hap - py child.

28

mf
Sweet smiles, mo - ther's smiles, All the live-long night be-guiles.

mf

32

mp
Sweet moans, dove - like sighs, Chase not slum-ber from thine eyes.

mp
Sweet moans, dove - like sighs, Chase not slum-ber from thine eyes

p
oo

p
oo

p
oo

36

f
Sweet moans, sweet - er smiles, All the dove-like moans be - giles.

f
Sweet moans, sweet - er smiles, All the dove-like moans be - giles.

f
Sweet moans, sweet - er smiles, All the dove-like moans be - giles.

f
Sweet moans, sweet - er smiles, All the dove-like moans be - giles.

mf
Sweet moans, sweet - er smiles, All the dove-like moans be - giles.

40 *mp a tempo*

Sleep, sleep, hap-py child, All cre-a-tion slept and smil'd;

mp a tempo

Sleep, sleep, hap-py child, All cre-a-tion slept and smil'd;

mp a tempo

Sleep, sleep, hap-py child, All cre-a-tion slept and smil'd;

mp a tempo

Sleep, — sleep, hap-py — child, All cre-a-tion slept and — smil'd;

mp a tempo

Sleep, — sleep, hap-py — child, All cre-a-tion slept and — smil'd;

mp a tempo

44

Sleep, sleep, hap-py sleep, While o'er thee thy mo-ther weep. *rit.*

rit.

Sleep, sleep, hap-py sleep, While o'er thee thy mo-ther weep. *rit.*

rit.

Sleep, sleep, hap-py sleep, While o'er thee thy mo-ther weep. *rit.*

rit.

Sleep, — sleep, hap-py — sleep, While o'er thee thy mo-ther weep. *rit.*

rit.

48

a tempo

f a tempo

Sweet babe, in thy face Ho - ly im - age I can trace.

f a tempo

Sweet babe, in thy face Ho - ly im - age I can trace.

f a tempo

Sweet babe, in thy face Ho - ly im - age I can trace.

f a tempo

Sweet babe, in thy face Ho - ly im - age I can trace.

a tempo

52

p

Sweet babe once like thee, Thy Ma - ker lay and wept for

p

Sweet ba once like thee, Thy Ma - ker lay and wept for

p

Sweet babe once like thee, Thy Ma - ker lay and wept for

p

Sweet babe once like thee, Thy Ma - ker lay and wept for

p

56

mp
 Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an in - fant

mp
 me, Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an in - fant

mp
 me, Wept for me, wept for thee, When He was an in - fant

mp
 me, Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an in - fant

mp
 me, Wept for me, wept for thee, When He was an in - fant

mp

60

mf *p slightly slower*
 small. Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an

mf *p slightly slower*
 small. Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an

mf *p slightly slower*
 small. Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an

mf *p slightly slower*
 small. Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an

mf *p slightly slower*
 small. Wept for me, for thee, for all, When He was an

p slightly slower

65

mp a tempo

Thou His im - age
mp a tempo
 in - fant small. When He was an in - fant small. Thou His im - age
mp a tempo
 in - fant small. When He was an in - fant small. Thou His im - age
a tempo mp
 in - fant small. When He was an in - fant small. Thou His
mp a tempo
 in - fant small. When He was an in - fant small. Thou His im - age

69

e - ver see, Heaven - ly face that smiles on thee,
 e - ver see, Heaven - ly face that smiles on thee,
 e - ver see, Heaven - ly face that smiles on thee,
 - age e - ver see, face that smiles on thee,
 e - ver see, Heaven - ly face that smiles on thee,

72

72

73

74

75

76

76 *mf* Smiles on thee, on me, on all; Who be-came an in - fant small. *rit.*

77 *mf* Smiles on thee, on me, on all; Who be-came an in - fant small. *rit.*

78 *mf* Smiles on thee, on me, on all; Who be-came an in - fant small. *rit.*

79 *mf* Smiles on thee, on me, on all; Who be-came an in - fant small. *rit.*

80 Smiles on thee, on me, on all; Who be-came an in - fant small. *rit.*

81 *rit.*

80

mp a tempo

In - fant smiles are His own smiles; Heaven and earth to peace be-guiles.

mp a tempo

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mp a tempo

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mp a tempo

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mp a tempo

84

getting softer and slower to the end

Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace.

getting softer and slower to the end

Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace.

getting softer and slower to the end

Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace.

getting softer and slower to the end

Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace.

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Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace.

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