

For Jim & all his musical friends
A Cradle Song

William Blake

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$\text{♩} = 56$

Soprano 1 *pp* [repeat text on the breath]**
 Sleep, _____ sleep, _____

Soprano 2 *pp* [repeat text on the breath]**
 Sleep, _____

Alto 1 *pp* *
 Sleep, _____ sleep, _____

Alto 2 *pp* *
 Sleep, _____ sleep, _____

Tenor 1 *pp* *
 Sleep, _____ sleep, _____

Tenor 2 *pp* [repeat text on the breath]**
 Sleep, _____ sleep, _____

Bass 1 *pp* [repeat text on the breath]**
 Sleep, _____

Bass 2 *pp* [repeat text on the breath]**
 Sleep, _____

* Singers should repeat each musical cell freely, rhythmically independent of one another.

** Singers should sing the word 'sleep' for a comfortable duration, breathing and repeating as necessary within the given note length.

♩ = 66
poco animando
mf.

poco accel. *cresc. poco a poco* **ff** **1**

S.1 sleep, sleep, Sleep,

S.2 sleep, sleep, sleep,

A.1 sleep, sleep,

A.2 sleep, sleep,

T.1 sleep, sleep, sleep,

T.2 sleep, sleep,

B.1 sleep, sleep, sleep,

B.2 sleep, sleep,

cresc. poco a poco **ff** **pp sub.**

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f

S.1 sleep, sleep, beau - ty bright, Dream - ing

S.2 beau - ty bright, Dream - ing

A.1 beau - ty beau-ty bright, Dream-ing

A.2 beau - ty, beau - ty bright, Dream - ing

T.1 sleep, beau-ty bright, Dream - ing

T.2 sleep, beau - ty, beau - ty, Dream

B.1 sleep, beau - ty bright, Dream

B.2 beau - ty bright,

18 **(poco animando)**

dim. *pp*

S.1 in the joys of night;

S.2 in the joys of night;

A.1 in the joys of night;

A.2 in joys night, of night;

T.1 ₈ in the joys of night;

T.2 ₈ in the joys night;

B.1

B.2

2 **più mosso**

23 *mp* ♩ = 44

S.1 *mp*
 Sleep, sleep; _____ in thy sleep Lit - tle

S.2 *mp*
 Sleep, sleep, _____ sleep; in thy sleep _____ Lit - tle _____

A.1 *mp*
 Sleep, sleep; _____ in thy sleep Lit - tle _____

A.2 *mp*
 _____ Lit - tle _____

T.1 *mp*
 _____ Lit - tle

T.2 *mp*
 Sleep, sleep, _____ sleep; in thy sleep Lit - tle

B.1 *mp*
 Sleep, sleep, _____ sleep; in thy sleep Lit - tle

B.2 *mp*
 _____ Sleep; in thy sleep Lit - tle

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S.1 sit and weep, *pp* [repeat text on the breath] weep.

S.2 weep, *pp* [repeat text on the breath] weep, weep,

A.1 weep, sit and weep, *pp* [repeat text on the breath] weep,

A.2 sit and weep, weep, *pp* weep,

T.1 weep, weep, *pp* [repeat text on the breath] weep,

T.2 sit and weep, *pp* [repeat text on the breath] weep,

B.1 weep.

B.2

38 [repeat text on the breath]

4 *più mosso*
♩ = 50

S.1 [repeat text on the breath]

S.2 [repeat text on the breath]
weep.

A.1 [repeat text on the breath]
weep, weep.

A.2 [repeat text on the breath]
weep, weep.

T.1 [repeat text on the breath]
weep, weep.

T.2 [repeat text on the breath] *mf*
Sweet babe,

B.1 *mf*
Sweet babe,

B.2 *mf*
Sweet babe,

45 *mf* *cresc.*

T.1 Soft de - sires I,

T.2 *cresc.*
in thy face Soft de - sires, de - sires, de -

B.1 *cresc.*
in thy face Soft de - sires, de - sires, de -

B.2 *cresc.*
in thy face Soft de - sires, de -

poco meno mosso

5 ♩ = 42

mp

51

S.1 Se - cret joys _____ se - cret smiles _____

S.2 Se - cret _____ joys _____ and _____

A.1 Se - cret joys _____ se - cret smiles _____

A.2 Se - cret _____ joys _____ and _____

T.1 I can trace, Se - cret

T.2 - sires I can trace, Se -

B.1 - sires, de - sires can trace,

B.2 - sires can trace,

poco rit.

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S.1
Lit - tle pret - ty in - - fant

S.2
se - cret smiles, pret - ty in - fant

A.1
Lit - tle pret - ty in - fant

A.2
se - cret smiles, pret - ty in - fant

T.1
joys Lit - tle pret - ty in - - fant

T.2
- cret smiles, pret - - ty in - fant

B.1
mp
in - - - - - fant.

B.2
mp
in - - - - - fant.

6 ♩ = 66

61 *f*

S.1 wiles.

S.2 wiles.

A.1 wiles.

A.2 wiles.

T.1 *f* *pp*
wiles. Sleep, sleep, sleep,

T.2 *f* *pp*
wiles. Sleep, sleep, sleep,

B.1 *f* *pp*
Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep,

B.2 *f* *pp*
Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep,

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T.1 sleep, sleep, sleep.

T.2 sleep, sleep.

B.1 sleep, sleep, sleep.

B.2 sleep.

meno mosso

7 $\text{♩} = 56$
70 [optional solo]

mf

S.1 As thy soft-est limbs I feel, Smiles as of the morn-ing steal O'er thy

pp

S.2 As thy soft - est limbs, steal O'er thy

pp

A.1 As thy soft - est limbs, steal O'er thy

pp

A.2 As thy soft - est limbs, steal O'er thy

pp

T.1 As thy soft - est limbs,

T.2

74

mp

S.1 cheek, and o'er thy breast Where thy lit - tle heart doth

mp

S.2 cheek, thy lit - tle heart doth

mp

A.1 cheek, Where thy lit - tle heart doth

mp

A.2 cheek, Where thy lit - tle heart doth

mp

T.1 cheek, thy lit - tle heart doth

T.2

8

79 **poco accel.**

pp *poco a poco cresc.* **ff**

S.1 rest. Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep,

S.2 rest. Sleep, sleep, sleep, [repeat text on the breath] **ff**

A.1 rest. Sleep *poco a poco cresc.* **ff**

A.2 rest. Sleep, *poco a poco cresc.* **ff**

T.1 Sleep, sleep, *poco a poco cresc.* **ff**

T.2 Sleep, sleep, [repeat text on the breath] *poco a poco cresc.* **ff**

B.1 [repeat text on the breath] **pp** *poco a poco cresc.* **ff**
Sleep,

B.2 [repeat text on the breath] **pp** *poco a poco cresc.*
Sleep,

poco animando

♩ = 72

mf

85 **9**

S.1 *mf* *f*
O, O, O the cun-ning wiles that

S.2 *pp sub.* *f*
O, O cun - ning wiles

A.1 *pp sub.* *f*
O, O the cun - ning wiles, wiles,

A.2 *pp sub.* *f*
O, O the cun - ning

T.1 *pp sub.* *f*
O, O cun - ning wiles,

T.2 *pp sub.* *f*
O, O the cun - ning wiles, wiles,

B.1 *pp sub.* *f*
O, O cun-ning wiles, wiles,

B.2 *pp sub.* *f*
O, O O wiles

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S.1 *dim.*
 — creep ——— In thy lit - tle

S.2 *dim.*
 wiles ——— creep ——— In thy ——— lit - tle ———

A.1 *dim.*
 wiles that creep ——— In thy, in lit - tle

A.2 *dim.*
 wiles ——— creep, ——— In thy, in thy lit - tle ———

T.1 *dim.*
 8 wiles that creep ——— In thy lit - tle, lit - tle ———

T.2 *dim.*
 8 wiles creep ——— In thy, in lit - tle

B.1 *dim.*
 — that creep ——— In ——— thy lit - tle ———

B.2
 that creep ———

96 $\text{♩} = 60$

pp (=)

S.1 heart a - sleep! Sleep, sleep, sleep,

S.2 heart a - - sleep! Sleep,

A.1 heart a - sleep! Sleep,

A.2 heart a - - sleep! Sleep, sleep,

T.1 heart a - sleep!

T.2 heart a -

B.1 heart

B.2

101 *pp sempre*

S.1
 sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep,

S.2
pp sempre
 sleep, sleep,

A.1
pp sempre
 sleep,

A.2
pp sempre
 sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep,

T.1
p When thy lit - tle heart doth wake, *mp* ✓ Then,

T.2
p When thy heart doth wake, *mp* ✓ Then,

B.1
p When thy heart doth wake, *mp* ✓ Then,

B.2
p When thy lit - tle heart doth wake, *mp* ✓ Then,

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S.1
sleep, —

S.2
sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, —

A.1
sleep, —

A.2
— sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, —

T.1
then the dread - ful light shall break, shall —

T.2
then the dread - ful light shall break, break,

B.1
then the dread - ful light shall break, —

B.2
then the dread - ful light shall break, —

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T.1
— break, — break, — break, — *pp*

T.2
— break, — break, — break, — *pp*

B.1
break, — break, — break, — break, — break, — *pp*

B.2
break, — break, — break, — break, — break, — *pp*

117 *pp*
S.1 sleep, _____

S.2 *pp* [repeat text on the breath]
sleep, _____ sleep, _____

A.1 *pp* [repeat text on the breath]
sleep, _____ sleep, _____

A.2 *pp*
sleep, _____ sleep, _____

T.1 *p* [repeat text on the breath]
break. _____

T.2 *p* [repeat text on the breath]
break. _____

B.1 *p* [repeat text on the breath]
break. _____

B.2 *p* [repeat text on the breath]
break. _____

poco rall.

122 *ppp*
S.1 sleep, _____ settle on final pitch. (sleep.)

ppp [repeat text on the breath]
S.2 sleep, _____ sleep, _____ [settle on final pitch.] (sleep.)

ppp [repeat text on the breath]
A.1 sleep, _____ sleep, _____ [settle on final pitch.] (sleep.)

ppp
A.2 sleep, _____ [settle on final pitch.] (sleep.)

T.1

T.2

B.1

B.2