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GOLDEN SLUMBERS

for SATTB Chorus




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*Golden slumbers kiss your eyes;
Smiles awake you when you rise.
Sleep, pretty wanton, do not cry,
And I will sing a lullaby:
Rock Him, rock Him, lullaby.*

*Care is heavy, therefore sleep you;
You are care, and care must keep you.
Sleep, pretty wanton, do not cry,
And I will sing a lullaby:
Rock Him, rock Him, lullaby.*

after Thomas Dekker (1572-1632)

duration: c. 2:30

Golden Slumbers was written in 1994, during my tenure as composer in residence for the Dale Warland Singers.

Close quickly to “m” when singing the word “slumbers.”

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sempre molto legato (♩ = c. 72)

mp

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Lu lu la lu lu la lu lu la lu lu
Lu lu la lu lu la lu lu la lu lu

p *mp*

sempre molto legato (♩ = c. 72)

Piano (for rehearsal only)

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S
A
T
B

gold - en slum - bers, ah Smiles a - wake you when you
Gold - en slum - bers, ah lu lu lu
lu gold - en slum - bers, ah lu lu lu
lu gold - en slum - bers, ah lu lu lu

p *mp* *cresc.*

Pno.

9 *mf* *cresc.* *f* *dim.*

S rise. Sleep, pret - ty wan - ton, do not

A lu lu la lu

T 8 lu lu la lu lu

B lu lu lu la lu lu lu

Pno.

13 *mp* *poco rit.* *poco meno mosso* *dim.* *poco rit.* *a tempo* *p*

S cry, And I will sing a lul la - by:

A lu lu Rock Him, rock, -

T 8 lu lu lu lu la Rock Him, rock Him,

B lu lu lu lu lu la lu lu

Pno.

17

S *mp*
Rock Him. Care is heav - y, there - fore sleep you;—

A *mp*
rock Him, rock. Care is heav - y, there - fore sleep you;—

T *mp*
8 rock, rock Him. Care is heav - y, there - fore sleep you;—

B *mp*
rock Him. ah ...sleep you;—

Pno.

21

S *p*
You are care, and care must keep you. Sleep, —

A *p*
You are care, and care must keep you. Sleep, —

T *p*
8 You are care, and care must keep you. Sleep, —

B *p*
You are care, and care must keep you. Sleep, —

Pno.

25

S — sleep, pret - ty wan - ton, _____

A — sleep, pret - ty wan - ton, _____ do not cry,

T — sleep, pret - ty wan - ton, _____ do not cry,

B — sleep, _____ wan - ton, do not cry, _____

Pno.

29

S And I will sing _____ a lul la - by: _____

A lu lu lu lu lu _____ Rock, _____

T lu lu lu lu _____ Rock, rock Him,

B lu lu lu lu lu la lu Rock Him,

Pno.

mf *poco rit.* *a tempo*
p

33 *poco rit.* *poco meno mosso* *pp* *poco rit.*

S And I will sing you a lul - la -

A rock, ah sing you... ah lu la

T 8 rock, rock Him. ah sing you... ah lu la

B rock Him. ah lu lu la

Pno.

37 *poco meno mosso*

S by.

A lu lu

T 8 lu lu

B lu lu lu lu

Pno.