

Child in a Manger

(duet)

Tenderly ♩ = 90

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The first system of the piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a continuous eighth-note accompaniment in G major, 3/4 time. The left hand plays a series of sustained chords, primarily triads, in the bass register. The dynamic marking is *p* (piano).

The second system begins with a vocal line on a treble clef staff, starting at measure 8. The lyrics are "Ba - by so love - ly and pure _____ Lord of the hea - ven and". The dynamic marking is *mp* (mezzo-piano). Below the vocal line is the piano accompaniment, which continues with the eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand.

The third system begins with a vocal line on a treble clef staff, starting at measure 15. The lyrics are "earth _____ Laid in a man - ger to rest _____ Dream - ing in". The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand.

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poco rit. . . . **A tempo**

slum - ber blessed _____ Sleep while the cho - rus a - bove us is swell - ing and

29

le - gions are tell - ing good ti - dings of joy Sleep while the an - gels sing car - ols so

36

rit. **A tempo**

sweet _____ Child in a man - ger, sleep _____

p

44

mp

Born as the shep-herds a - bid

51

Keep-ing their flocks in the night Laid in a man-ger to

58

mp

rest Cra - dled in ten - der - ness Sleep while they

65

haste through the dark-ness to find thee and kneel down be-side thee in won-der and awe

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72

Sleep while the an-gels watch o-ver their sheep

Sleep while the an-gels watch o-ver their sheep Child in a man-ger,

rit.

mp

79

A tempo

sleep

rit. . . . A tempo, expansively

86

mf *rubato*

Born of the mer - cy of God _____ Gift of His in - fin - ite

mf *rubato*

mf *rubato*

93

love _____ Laid in a man - ger to rest _____

poco rit. . . . *A tempo*

Sleep, Son of Ho - li - ness _____ Sleep while the star-light a -

rit.

round us is fall - ing and an - gels are call - ing, "Come wor - ship the King!"

111 **A tempo** *mf* **molto rit.** *mp*

Sleep while the Fa - ther en - folds us in peace _____ Child in a man-ger,

mf *mp* *p*

118 **A tempo, peacefully** *p* **molto rit.**

sleep _____

p