

Child in a Manger

(SATB)

Tenderly ♩ = 90

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The piano introduction consists of two staves in 3/4 time, key of D major. The right hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The left hand plays a series of half notes, starting with a whole note chord in the first measure. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present.

Measures 8-14. The vocal line begins at measure 8 with a mezzo-forte (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "SA: Ba - by so love - ly and pure _____ Lord of the hea - ven and". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the right hand and half notes in the left hand.

Measures 15-21. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "earth _____ Laid in a man - ger to rest _____ Dream - ing in". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the right hand and half notes in the left hand.

22

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

TB: Born as the shep-herds a - bide_____

51

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

58

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

72

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*

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

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