

Child in a Manger

(SATB, C instrument)

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Tenderly ♩ = 90

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, starting with a whole rest followed by a melodic phrase. The middle staff is the right-hand piano part in treble clef, featuring a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The bottom staff is the left-hand piano part in bass clef, with a simple harmonic accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The dynamic marking *p* (piano) is placed below the first measure of both the vocal and piano parts.

The second system begins at measure 8. The vocal line continues with a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment remains consistent. The lyrics for the vocal line are: "SA: Ba - by so love - ly and pure _____ Lord of the hea - ven and". The dynamic marking *mp* (mezzo-piano) is placed above the vocal line at the start of the system.

The third system begins at measure 15. The vocal line continues with a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment remains consistent. The lyrics for the vocal line are: "earth _____ Laid in a man - ger to rest _____ Dream - ing in".

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 _____

mp

p

44

mp

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

rit.

72

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

79

A tempo

sleep

rit. A tempo, expansively

86

rubato

mf

rubato

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

mf

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

molto rit.

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

118

A tempo, peacefully

molto rit.

sleep