

For Derek Morphy and Renaissance Voices

# Cradle Song

William Blake 1789

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## Lilting (sempre dolce et legato)

SOPRANO 1

SOPRANO 2

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

S.1

S.2

A.

T.

B.

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form a shade  
ay in-fant's head:  
sweet dreams of pleasant streams, by

dreams,  
et  
dreams, sweet dreams,

sweet  
(h)  
dreams, sweet dreams,

.reams,  
sweet  
dreams, sweet  
reams, sweet

dreams,  
sweet  
dreams, sweet  
reams, sweet

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S.1      hap - py, — si - lent, moo - ny beams.

S.2      ah — moon - beams

A.1      ah — moon - beams      *poco cresc.*

A.2      ah — moon - beams      *poco cresc.*

T.      ah — moon - beams, sweet dreams, —      *po cresc.*

B.      ah — moon - beams, sweet      *cresc.*      dreams,

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*mf*

S.      Sweet sleep, with s      Weave thy brows an in-fant crown.      Sweet sleep,

A.1      *mf*      ah —

A.2      *mf*      (,)

T.      set sleep, with soft down      Weave thy brows an in-fant crown; Sweet sleep,

B.      *mf*      sweet sleep, with soft down Weave thy brows an in-fant crown; Sweet sleep,

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S. 22 (, ) an-gel mild, ho-ver o'er my hap-py child.

A.1 (, ) ah ho-ver o'er my hap-py child. Ah

A.2 (, ) ah ho-ver o'er my hap-py child sweet dreams

T. 8 (, ) an-gel mild, ho-ver o'er my hap-py child sweet sweet

B. (, ) an-gel mild, ho-ver o'er my hap-py child swe dreams, sweet dreams,

S. 28 3 3  
3. Sleer - hap-py child, All cre-a-tion slept and smil'd,

A.1 3 3  
Ah

A.2 3 3  
Ah

T. 3 3  
reams sleep, sleep hap-py child, all cre-a-tion slept and smil'd,

B. 3 3  
dreams, sweet sleep, sleep sleep, ah.

*cresc poco a poco*

S.1 sleep, sleep\_\_\_\_ hap-py sleep, while o'erthee\_ thy mo-ther weep. Ah\_\_\_\_\_

*cresc poco a poco*

S.2 sleep, sleep\_\_\_\_ hap-py sleep, while o'erthee\_ thy mo-ther weep. Ah\_\_\_\_\_

*cresc poco a poco*

A.1 Ah\_\_\_\_\_

*cresc poco a poco*

A.2 Ah\_\_\_\_\_ set babe\_\_\_\_\_

*cresc poco a poco*

T. 8 sleep,sleep, (,) hap-py sleep while o'er thee\_ thy mo-t<sup>t</sup> Sweet babe\_\_\_\_\_

opt.div. *cresc poco a poco*

B.1 sleep,sleep, hap-py sleep while o'er thee weep\_ Ah\_\_\_\_\_

*cresc poco a poco*

B.2 sleep, sleep,\_\_\_\_ hap-py sleep whil' .y mo-ther weep Ah\_\_\_\_\_

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S.1 Ah\_\_\_\_\_

S.2 Ah\_\_\_\_\_

A. in thy f\_\_\_\_\_ o-ly im-age can I trace. Sweet babe\_\_\_\_\_ once like thee, thy

T. 8 ho-ly im-age can I trace. Sweet babe\_\_\_\_\_ once like thee, thy

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Ah\_\_\_\_\_ Ah\_\_\_\_\_ Ah\_\_\_\_\_ thy

B.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Ah\_\_\_\_\_ Ah\_\_\_\_\_

**Piangevole**  
Solo Sop.

43 rit. e dim. , a tempo pp , Ah Ah Wept for me, for thee, for all  
 rit. e dim. , a tempo pp , Ah Ah Tutti Sop.  
 rit. e dim. , subpp pp a tempo Ma- ker lay, and wept for me. Ah  
 rit. e dim. , subpp pp a tempo Ma- ker lay, and wept for me. Ah  
 rit. e dim. , pp a tempo Ma- ker lay Ah Ah  
 rit. e dim. , pp a tempo Weep Ah Ah

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51 Solo Sop. Tutti Sop.1  
 who be - came an in - fant sr his i - mage e - ver see, heav'n - ly face thatsmiles on thee,  
 Tutti Sop.2  
 Ah Ah  
 Ah Ah  
 Ah Ah  
 Ah Ah  
 Ah Ah  
 Ah Ah

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S.1 *f* dim poco a poco *mf*,  
Ah Ah dim poco a poco *mf*,  
S.2 *f* Ah Ah dim poco a poco *mf*,  
A. *f* dim poco a poco  
Smiles on thee, on me, on all, who became an infant small, in-fants smile are b  
T. *f* dim poco a p *mf*,  
Ah Ah dim poco a p *mf*,  
B.1 *f* dim p' *mf*,  
Ah Ah dim p' *mf*,  
B.2 *f* , a poco *mf*,  
Ah Ah , a poco *mf*,

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S.1 poco rit. *mp* a tempo , dim. poco rit. *p* *mf*,  
Sweet — sweet dreams.  
S.2 — dim. poco rit. *p* *mf*,  
A.1 *po* a tempo dim. poco rit. *p* *mf*,  
Heav'n and earth to es Ah hmm  
A.2 *po* a tempo dim. poco rit. *p* *mf*,  
Ah Ah hmm  
T. *poco rit.* , *mp* a tempo dim. poco rit. *p* *mf*,  
Ah Ah hmm  
B.1 *poco rit.* , *mp* a tempo dim. poco rit. *p* *mf*,  
Ah sweet dreams, dreams, sweet dreams, sweet hmm  
B.2 *poco rit.* , *mp* a tempo dim. poco rit. *p* *mf*,  
Ah sweet dreams, dreams, sweet dreams, sweet hmm