

Child in a Manger

(SATB, C instrument)

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Tenderly ♩ = 90

The first system of the musical score is in G major and 3/4 time. It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The vocal line consists of a melodic phrase: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line with half notes and quarter notes in the left hand.

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The second system continues the vocal line with a mezzo-piano (*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 rhythmic pattern.

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The third system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "earth _____ Laid in a man - ger to rest _____ Dream - ing in". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

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

mp

58

rest

Cra - dled in ten - der - ness

Sleep while they

mp

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,

mp

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 *rubato*

93

love _____ Laid in a man - ger to rest _____

mf *rubato*

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