

Child in a Manger

(medium voice solo)

Tenderly ♩ = 90

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The first system of the score is a piano introduction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The treble staff contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment. The bass staff features a series of half notes, some of which are beamed together. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) is placed in the first measure.

8

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 *mp* (mezzo-piano) is placed above the first measure of the vocal line. Below the vocal line is a piano accompaniment consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef). The piano part continues with the eighth-note accompaniment in the treble and half notes in the bass.

15

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 two staves (treble and bass clef). The treble staff has the eighth-note accompaniment, and the bass staff has half notes. Some notes in the bass staff are beamed together.

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

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

rit.

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 *mf* *rubato*

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

mf *rubato*

93

love _____ Laid in a man-ger to rest _____

99 *poco rit.* . . . A tempo

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

105 rit.

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

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

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

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

P sleep