

Cradle Hymn

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Instrumentation

SATB, Piano

Performance Time

approximately 3'40"

Cradle Hymn

In softest slumber rest;
Thy mother's faithful arms
Shall shield Thee, Infant blest,
From all alarms!

How gentle Thy repose!
Thy brow no shadow wears;
Fairer than fairest rose
Thy face appears!

The tender, sheltering ward
Of many a seraph bright,
Thy slumber deep shall guard,
Blest Babe, to-night.

My soul doth magnify
The Lord, whose wondrous power
Hath given from on high
Such priceless dower!

So sleep, Thou sinless One,
In human form enshrined,
Thy earthly life begun,
Heaven left behind!

To rest, with blessed dreams,
Cradled in lowliness,
Till morning's radiant beams
The earth shall bless!

— *Isabella Parker (1839-1904)*

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Allegretto pastorale (♩ = ca. 66)

S.
A.
T.
B. *p*
In

Piano *p*

5

p
Soft - est slum-ber rest, thy moth - er's faith-ful arms shall
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shield thee, in - fant bless - èd, from all a - larms How

shield thee, in - fant bless - èd, from all a - larms

13

sostenuto

gen - tle thy re - pose, thy brow no shad - ow wears:

Gen - tle thy re - pose, thy brow no shad - ow wears:

17

fair - er than fair - est rose thy face ap - pears, thy
 fair - est rose thy face ap - pears, thy

21

face, thy face ap - pears.
 face ap - pears.

25

p
The
p
The

29

ten - der shelt-'ring ward of man - y a ser-aph bright, thy

*Removed for security purposes.
Thank you for your understanding.*

33

slum - ber deep shall guard, blest babe, to - night. My
 slum - ber deep shall guard, blest babe, to - night. My

37

soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, whose ^f won - - drous
 2 4 2
 soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, whose won - - drous

40

power hath given, from on high, such

power hath given, from on high, such

43

price - - less dow'r.

price - - less dow'r.

46

mf So
mf So
mf So
mf So

49

sleep, _____ thou sin-less one, _____ in hu - man form en-shrined, thy _____

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Thank you for your understanding.*

53

subito

earth - ly life be - gun, and heav'n left be - hind. So

earth - ly life be - gun, and heav'n left be - hind. So

earth - ly life be - gun, heav'n left be - hind. So

earth - ly life be - gun, and heav'n left be - hind. So

p

p subito

p subito

p subito

p

57

pp

rest, with bless - èd dreams, cra - - dled

rest, with bless - èd dreams, cra - - dled in

rest, rest with bless - èd dreams,

rest,

pp

pp

pp

pp

66

rit.

ra - - diant beams the earth shall

ra - - diant beams the earth shall

ra - - diant beams the earth shall

ra - - diant beams the earth shall

69

bless. So rest,

bless. so

bless. So rest,

bless. so

p

