



For All Saints, Witley

SLEEP, THOU LITTLE CHILD

(The Song of a Shepherd-Boy at Bethlehem)

Music by

Jonathan Shaw

(b.1995)

Words by

Josephine Preston Peabody

(1874 - 1922)

For:

TrSATB

and

Piano

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All Saints, Witley, England

Iain Nisbet (Piano)

Jonathan Shaw (Conductor)

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A Delicate Lullaby (♩ = 100) *mp* (Treble Solo or Soprano Solo)

Treble
(Or Soprano)

Sleep, Thou lit-tle Child of Ma - ry: rest Thee

Piano
p

6

Tr.
(S.)

now. Though these hands be rough from shear - ing and the plough,

Pno.

11 *mp* (Treble Tutti or Soprano Tutti)

Tr.
(S.)

yet they shall not ev-er fail Thee, when the wait-ing na-tions hail Thee,

Pno.
mp

15 *mf*

Tr.
(S.)

bring - ing palms un - to their King. Now I sing.

Pno.

19 *mf*

Tr. (S.) Sleep, Thou lit-tle Child of Ma - ry, hope div - ine. If Thou wilt but smile up -

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A. *p* ————— *mf*
Ma - ry, hope div - ine. Wilt but smile up -

T. *p* < *mf*
If Thou wilt but smile up -

B. —————

Pno. *mf*

24 (+Trebles) *p* ————— *mf*

S. on me, I will twine blos - soms for Thy gar-lan - ding.

A. *p* ————— *mf*
on me, I will twine blos - soms for Thy gar-lan ding.

T. *p* ————— *mf*
on me, I will twine blos - soms for Thy gar-lan - ding.

B. *p* < *mf*, *p* ————— *mf*
On me, I will twine blos - soms for Thy gar-lan ding.

Pno. *p* ————— *mf*