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# Night Song

Text excerpted from "Cradle Song"  
by William Blake

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**Freely**  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 84$

*pedal harmonically throughout*

S1: Sleep, sleep, sleep,

S2: Sleep, sleep, sleep,

A: Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep,

Bassoon: pedal harmonically throughout

**II**

S1: sleep, sleep, sleep,

S2: sleep, sleep, sleep,

A: sleep, Sleep, sleep, sleep,

Bassoon: pedal harmonically throughout

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Faster  $\text{♩} = \text{c. 96}$

SSA unison

21 *mp*

Sleep, sleep, beau - ty bright,

25

dream - ing in the joys of night;

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Sleep, sleep;

*mf*

33

S1 in thy sleep *mf* lit - tle  
 S2 in thy sleep *mf*  
 A in thy sleep *mf* lit - tle

*mf*

*mp*

36

S1 sor - rows sit and weep. lit - tle  
 S2 sor - rows sit and weep. lit - tle  
 A sor - rows sit and weep. lit - tle

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

40

S1 sor - rows sit and weep. lit - tle sor - rows sit and *mp*  
 S2 sor - rows sit and weep. in thy  
 A sor - rows sit and weep.

*mp*

*mp*

44

S1 weep, lit - tle sor-rows sit and, lit - tle sor-rows sit and weep.

S2 sleep lit - tle sor-rows sit and weep.

A lit - tle sor-rows sit and weep, lit - tle sor-rows sit and weep.

rit. *p*

*p*

*p*

48

*fp*

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51 Faster  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 120$

S1 O the cun - ning wiles that

S2 O the cun - ning wiles that

A O the cun - ning wiles that

Faster  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 120$

54

S1      creep      in thy lit - tle heart a -

S2      creep      in thy lit - tle heart a -

A      creep      in thy lit - tle heart a -

*Reo.*

57

S1      sleep,

S2      sleep,

A      sleep,

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S1      -      *mf*      -      *f*

O the cun - ning wiles that      creep

S2      *mp*      -      *mf*      -      *mf*

O the cun - ning wiles that      creep      in thy lit - tle heart a -

A      -      -      *mf*

65

S1 in thy lit - tle heart a - sleep *mf*  
 S2 sleep Sleep, sleep,  
 A - f O the cun - ning wiles that creep,

68

S1 - - -  
 S2 in thy sleep. lit - tle  
 A in thy lit - tle heart a - sleep, lit - tle sor - rows sit and

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S1 lit - tle sor - rows sit and weep, in thy lit - tle heart a -  
 S2 sor - - - rows sit and weep.  
 A weep, in thy lit - tle heart a - sleep

74

S1      in thy lit - tle heart a - sleep      in      thy  
 S2      -      -      in      thy  
 A      lit - tle sor-rows sit and weep,      in      thy

*p*      *f*

77

S1      sleep,      thy      sleep,  
 S2      sleep,      thy      sleep,  
 A      sleep,      thy      sleep,

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*p*      *f*      *ff*      *mp*

*8th*

81      molto rit.

*sub. p*

Tempo I  $\text{♩} = \text{c.84}$

*8th*

88

S1  
S2  
A

*p*

then the dread - ful

When thy lit - tle heart doth wake,

94

S1  
S2  
A

*mp cresc. poco a poco*

When thy lit - tle

*mp cresc. poco a poco*

night shall break. When thy lit - tle heart doth wake,

*mp cresc. poco a poco*

wake thy lit - tle heart doth

98

S1  
S2  
A

*f*

heart doth wake, then the

then the dread - ful night shall break, *mf* when thy lit - tle heart doth

wake, then the dread - ful night shall break,

*mf*

101

S1      dread - ful night shall break,

S2      wake,

A      *f* then the dread - ful night shall break, shall break,

104

S1      *ff* night shall break, *mf* night shall break

S2      *ff* night shall break, *mf* night shall break

A      *ff* night shall break, *mf* night shall break

108

S1                      *p*

S2                      *mp*

A                      *mp*

sleep.                      sleep.

sleep.                      sleep.                      sleep.

night shall break,              night shall break,              sleep,

113

S1                      *p*

S2                      *pp*

A                      *p*

sleep.                      sleep.                      sleep.                      sleep.

sleep.                      sleep.                      sleep.

sleep.                      sleep.                      sleep.

*molto rit.*

S1                      -

S2                      -

A                      -

*pp*

*molto rit.*

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