

Child in a Manger

(duet, viola)

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Tenderly ♩ = 90

(Note: the viola obbligato is also available for cello or C instrument.)

p

8

mp

Ba - by so love - ly and pure _____ Lord of the hea - ven and

15

earth _____ Laid in a man - ger to rest _____ Dream - ing in

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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
Born as the shep-herds a - bide_____

mp

_____ Keep-ing their flocks in the night_____ Laid in a man-ger to

mp

rest Cra - dled in ten - der - ness Sleep while they

mp

Sleep while they

haste through the dark-ness to find thee and kneel down be - side thee in won - der and awe

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rit.

Sleep while the an - gels watch o - ver their sheep

Sleep while the an - gels watch o - ver their sheep Child in a man-ger,

mp

A tempo

sleep

mp

rit. A tempo, expansively

86

mf *rubato*

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

mf *rubato*

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!"

A tempo

molto rit.

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

A tempo, peacefully

molto rit.

sleep _____

Viola

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1 *p*

7 **13** **12** poco rit. A tempo rit.

38 - - **2** A tempo *mp*

46

53

60

66

Viola

73

rit. A tempo

80

86

rit. A tempo, expansively

rubato

93

99

poco rit.

103

A tempo

rit.

111

A tempo

molto rit.

2

118

A tempo, peacefully

molto rit.

p