



A
CHILD ASLEEP
SONG

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THIS SIMPLE SONG
(FOR HIS MOTHER'S SINGING)

IS MADE TO

ANTHONY GOETZ

(Æ. I).

"As an Aungel hevenlyche sche song."—CHAUCER.

A CHILD ASLEEP.

How he sleepeth!

Vision unto vision calleth,
While the young child dreameth on.
Fair, O dreamer, thee befalleth
With the glory thou hast won!
Darker wert thou in the garden, yestermorn, by summer
sun.

We should see the spirits ringing
Round thee,—were the clouds away.
'Tis the child-heart draws them, singing
In the silent-seeming clay—
Singing!—Stars that seem the mutest, go in music all
the day.

Softly! softly, make no noises!
Now he lieth still and dumb—
Now he hears the angels' voices
Folding silence in the room—
Now he muses deep the meaning of the Heaven-words
as they come.

He is harmless—we are sinful,—
We are troubled—he, at ease:
From his slumber, virtue winful
Floweth outward with increase—
Dare not bless him! but be blessèd by his peace—and
go in peace.

From a Poem by

Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

A CHILD ASLEEP.

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Poco Allegretto. ♩ = 88. *p dolce*

How he

p

Ped. * *Ped.* * *simile*

sleep - eth!

poco più mosso

p

p molto tranquillo

Vi - sion un - to vi - sion call - eth, While the young child

pp *poco più mosso*
p cresc.

dream - eth on. Fair, O dream - er, thee be - fall - eth

pp colla parte *p*

mf cantabile

With the glo - ry thou hast won! Dark - er wert thou

mf

dim. rit. *lento dolce*
p

in the gar - den, yes - - ter - morn, by sum - - - mer

dim. colla parte *p*

a tempo *p poco più animato*

sun. We should see the

a tempo *p* *mf* *pp* *p*

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spi - rits ring - ing Round thee, - were the clouds a - way.

'Tis the child - heart draws them, sing - ing In the si - lent -

dim.

- seem - - ing clay - Sing - ing! - Stars that

mf dolce , *p*

seem the mu - test, go in mu - sic, mu - - sic all the

pp poco rit. , *lento dolciss.*

pp colla parte

a tempo *pp*

day. Soft - - ly!

a tempo *pp*

parlando

soft - ly! make no noi - ses! Now he li - eth still and

poco più mosso *pp cantabile*

dumb - Now he hears the

pp leggiero *poco più mosso*

con Ped.

legato

an - - gels' voi - ces Fold - - ing si - lence

in the room— Now he mu - ses

ppp

deep the mean - ing of the Heav'n-words as they come.

rit. espress.

colla parte

He is harm - less— we are sin - ful,—

p poco più mosso semplice, *pp*

We are troubled— he, at ease:— From his slum - ber,

cresc. *p*

cresc.

vir - tue win - ful Flow - eth out - ward with in - crease -

cresc.

più lento
f legato

Dare not bless him! — but be bless - éd by his peace — and

più lento

f *p* *ad lib. p dim.* *pp*

dim. *colla parte* *pp*

Ped. * *Ped.* *

dolciss. *pp*

go in peace, go — in peace.

pp *rit.*

con Ped.