



Sleep, Dusky Babe

F. A. Clark
(1868-1948)

Moderato

S *p* Shad - ders am a creep - in', 'Gainst de slow - ly fad - in' light! Sleep, — Dusk - y

A *p* Shad - ders am a creep - in', 'Gainst de slow - ly fad - in' light! Hmm

T *p* Shad - ders am a creep - in', 'Gainst de slow - ly fad - in' light! Hmm

B *p* Shad - ders am a creep - in', 'Gainst de slow - ly fad - in' light! — Hmm

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S Babe; — Time fer res' an' sleep - in' While de moon am shin - in' bright!

A *p* Time fer res' an' sleep - in' While de moon am shin - in' bright!

T *p* Time fer res' an' sleep - in' While de moon am shin - in' bright!

B *pp* — Dusk - y Babe; *p* Time fer res' an' sleep - in' While de moon am shin - in' bright!

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S *p* Sleep, _____ Dusk - y Babe; _____ *mp* Birds an' bees an' flow - ers Long er -

A *p* Hmm _____ *mp* Birds an' bees an' flow - ers Long er -

T *p* Hmm _____ Dusk - y Babe; _____ *mp* Birds an' bees an' flow - ers Long er -

B *pp* Sleep, _____ Dusk - y Babe; _____ *mp* Birds an' bees an' flow - ers Long er -

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S *p* go has sed good - night, Mis - tah Fox am roam - in' soon, _____

A *p* go has sed good - night, Mis - tah Fox am roam - in' soon, _____

T *p* go has sed good - night, Mis - tah Fox am roam - in' soon, _____

B *p* go has sed good - night, Mis - tah Fox am roam - in', roam - in' soon,

13 *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.*

S Close yo' eyes ma hon - ey, Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo' tight; _____ Sleep, _____ Dusk - y

A *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.* Close yo' eyes ma hon - ey, Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo' tight; _____ Sleep, _____ Dusk - y

T *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.* Close yo' eyes ma hon - ey, Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo' tight; _____ Sleep, _____ Dusk - y

B *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.* Close yo' eyes ma hon - ey, Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo' tight; _____ Sleep, _____ Dusk - y

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S Babe; *p* Hmm

A Babe, Dusk - y Babe; *f* Cud - dle close to yo' Mam - my,

T Babe, Dusk - y Babe; *p* Hmm

B Babe; *p* Hmm

19

S Hmm

A Doan yo' try to peep, Drif' a - way to Dream - lan',

T Hmm

B Hmm

23

S Hmm

A Sleep, ma hon - ey, sleep; Mis - tah Fox can't fin' yo',

T Hmm

B Hmm

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S
Hmm
Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo',

A
Doan yo' be a - fraid,
Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo',

T
Hmm

B
Hmm

30

S
Mam - my'dove en - fol's yo',
Sleep, _____ Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

A
Mam - my'dove en - fol's yo',
Sleep, _____ Dusk - y Babe, Ma Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

T
Sleep, _____ Dusk - y Babe, Ma Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

B
Sleep, _____ Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

34

S
p Bull - frog am a croak - in', Crick - ets chirp - in' might - y spry!
Sleep, _____ Dusk - y

A
p Bull - frog am a croak - in', Crick - ets chirp - in' might - y spry!
Hmm

T
p Bull - frog am a croak - in', Crick - ets chirp - in' might - y spry!
Sleep, _____ Dusk - y

B
p Bull - frog am a croak - in', Crick - ets chirp - in' might - y spry!
Hmm

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S Babe; Wind a - hum - min' thro' de trees, Jes like a lul - la - by,

A Wind a - hum - min' thro' de trees, Jes like a lul - la - by,

T Babe; Wind a - hum - min' thro' de trees, Jes like a lul - la - by,

B *pp* — Dusk - y Babe; Wind a - hum - min' thro' de trees, Jes like a lul - la - by,

40

S Sleep, Dusk - y Babe; Lit - tle stars a - twin - klin' all Er -

A Hmm Lit - tle stars a - twin - klin' all Er -

T Hmm Dusk - y Babe; Lit - tle stars a - twin - klin' all Er -

B *pp* Sleep, Dusk - y Babe; Lit - tle stars a - twin - klin' all Er -

43

S long de Milk - y Way, Guess deys play - in' hide an' seek,

A long de Milk - y Way, Guess deys play - in' hide an' seek,

T long de Milk - y Way, Guess deys play - in' hide an' seek,

B long de Milk - y Way, Guess deys play - in' hide an', hide an' seek,

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46 *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.*

S Mis - tah Fox, he gone back home Hit taint no use ter try, Dusk - y Babe's fas' a -

A *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.*

A Mis - tah Fox, he gone back home Hit taint no use ter try, Hmm Dusk - y

T *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.*

T Mis - tah Fox, he gone back home Hit taint no use ter try, Hmm Dusk - y

B *cresc. a poco accel.* *dim. e rall.*

B Mis - tah Fox, he gone back home Hit taint no use ter try, Dusk - y Babe's fas' a -

49 *p* *f*

S sleep. Hmm

A Babe, Dusk - y Babe. Cud - dle close to yo' Mam - my,

T *p*

T Babe, Dusk - y Babe. Hmm

B *p*

B sleep. Hmm

52

S Hmm

A Doan yo' try to peep, Drif' a - way to Dream - lan',

T Hmm

B Hmm

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56

S
Hmm

A
Sleep, ma hon - ey, sleep; Mis - tah Fox can't fin' yo',

T
Hmm

B
Hmm

60

S
Hmm Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo',

A
Doan yo' be a - fraid, Mam - my's gwine to hol' yo',

T
Hmm

B
Hmm

63

S
Mam - my's love en - fol's yo', Sleep, Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

A
Mam - my's love en - fol's yo', Sleep, Dusk - y Babe, Ma Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

T
Sleep, Dusk - y Babe, Ma Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

B
Sleep, Dusk - y Babe. *dim. e rall.*

Francis A. Clark (1868–1948) was born in New York and became a respected Black musician and composer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Little is known of his life, but he was active and influential as composer and arranger. He was employed by the B. F. Banes & Co. music publishers and established his own publishing company. Known as “Professor F. A. Clark” and was also associated with the Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church as well as serving as choirmaster in several other churches for over four decades. He is especially known for his collaboration with song-writer Charles Albert Tindley (1851–1933) who helped shape Black-American Gospel Music.

Shadders am a creepin',
'Gainst de slowly fadin' light!
Sleep, Dusky Babe;
Time fer res' an' sleepin'
While de moon am shinin' bright!
Sleep, Dusky Babe;
Birds an' bees an' flowers
Long ergo has sed goodnight,
Mistah Fox am roamin' soon,
Close yo' eyes ma honey,
Mammy's gwine to hol' yo' tight;
Sleep, Dusky Babe,
Dusky Babe;

*Cuddle close to yo' Mammy,
Doan yo' try to peep,
Drif' away to Dreamlan',
Sleep, ma honey, sleep;
Mistah Fox can't fin' yo',
Doan yo' be afraid,
Mammy's gwine to hol' yo',
Mammy's love enfol's yo',
Sleep, Dusky Babe.*

Bullfrog am a croakin',
Crickets chirpin' mighty spry!
Sleep, Dusky Babe;
Wind ahummin' thro' de trees,
Jes like a lullaby,
Sleep, Dusky Babe;
Little stars atwinklin' all
Erlong de Milky Way,
Guess deys playin' hide an' seek,
Mistah Fox, he gone back home
Hit taint no use ter try,
Dusky Babe, Dusky Babe.
Dusky Babe's fas' asleep.

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