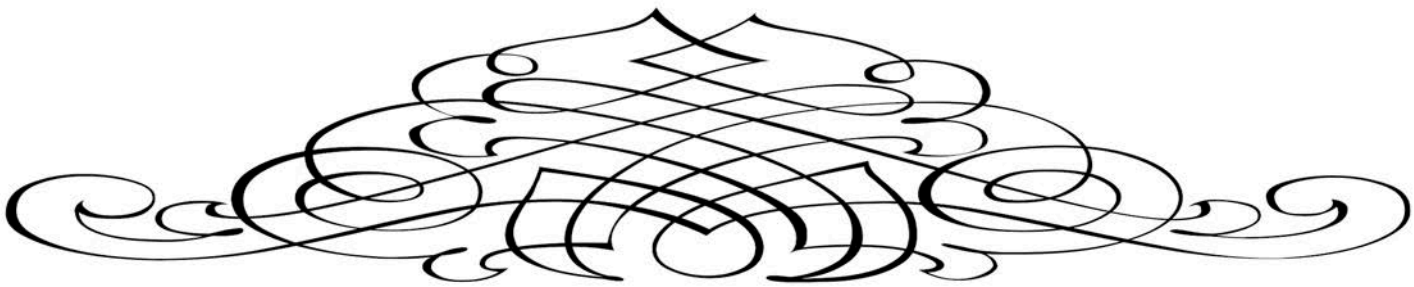


Sleep, baby!

J. Christopher Marks
(1863-1946)

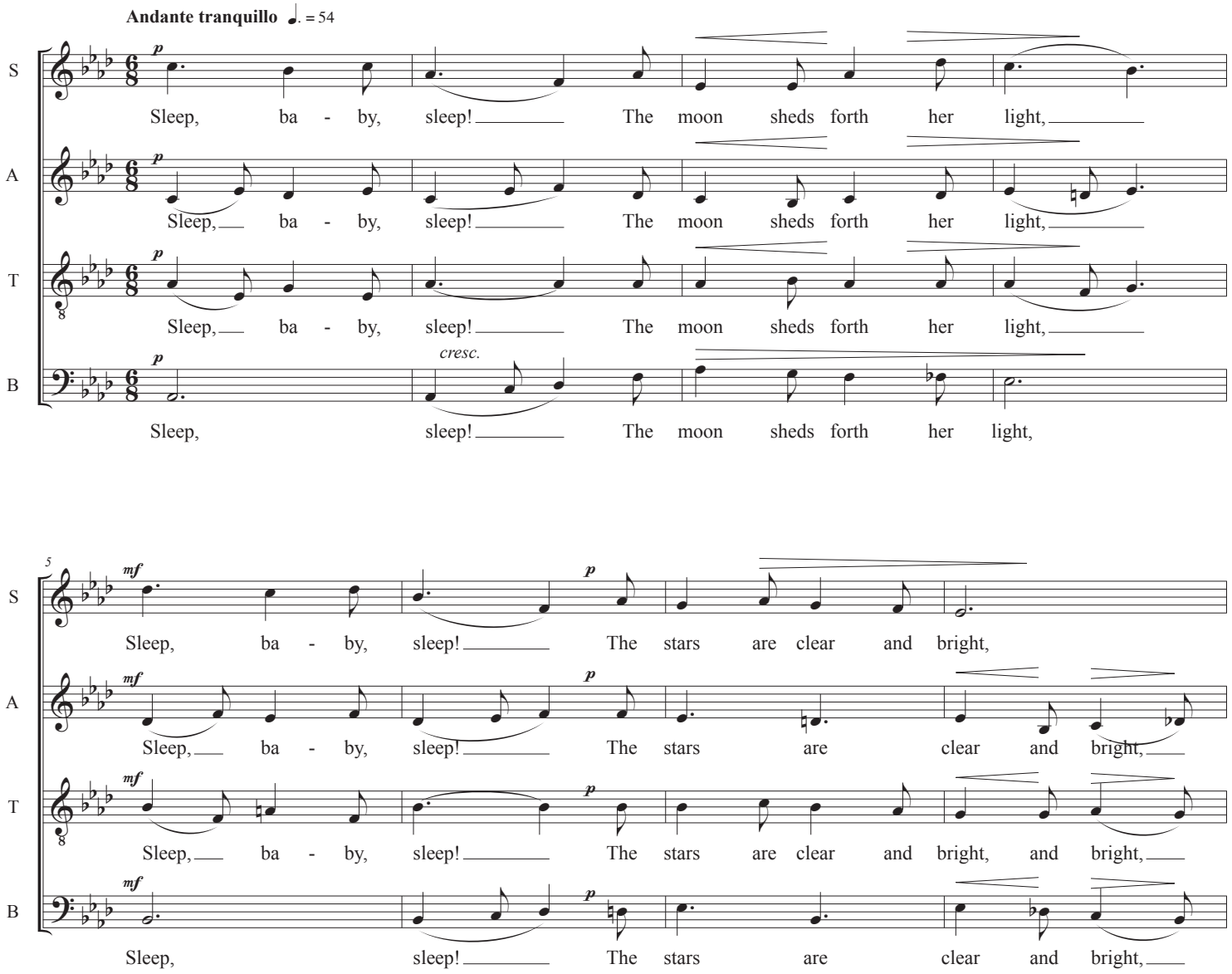
James Christopher Marks (1863-1946) was born in Cork, Ireland, son of James Christopher Marks, Sr., the organist and choir master at Cork Cathedral. He studied music under his father; his uncle, T. Osborne Marks, organist of Armagh Cathedral; and Robert P. Stewart of Trinity College, Dublin, who was also the teacher of Charles V. Stanford. Marks was organist and choir master at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cork (1881-1902). He emigrated to America in 1902 and became the organist at St. Andrew's Church in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1904, he became organist and choir director at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York, where he served until 1929. Marks received a Doctor of Music degree from New York University in 1908, served as president of the National Association of Organists, and was an Associate of the American Guild of Organists.

Sleep, baby, sleep!
The moon sheds forth her light,
The stars are clear and bright,
Nor wake throughout the night;
While nightingales their sweet notes thrill,
And all is calm and still.
When morn shall dawn
And night has passed away,
Then buds shall wake
To hail the coming day.
And from the trees
And from each leafy spray
Shall bright wing'd birds thrill forth their song
To welcome in the day.
Nor wake throughout the night;
While nightingales their sweet notes thrill,
And all is calm and still,
Sleep, baby, sleep!

Fast fall the dews of night,
And rest those eyes so bright,
Nor wake till morning light;
While angels hover round thy head,
And guard thee in thy bed.
Far o'er the hills
The twilight shadows creep,
And in the vales
The flow'rets fall asleep.
O'er all the earth
The moon her watch shall keep,
And sleep shall come that all may rest,
For night is drawing nigh.
Sleep, baby, sleep!
Nor wake till morning light;
While angels hover round thy head
And guard thee in thy bed,
While angels hover round thy head,
And guard thee in thy bed,
Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby!

J. Christopher Marks



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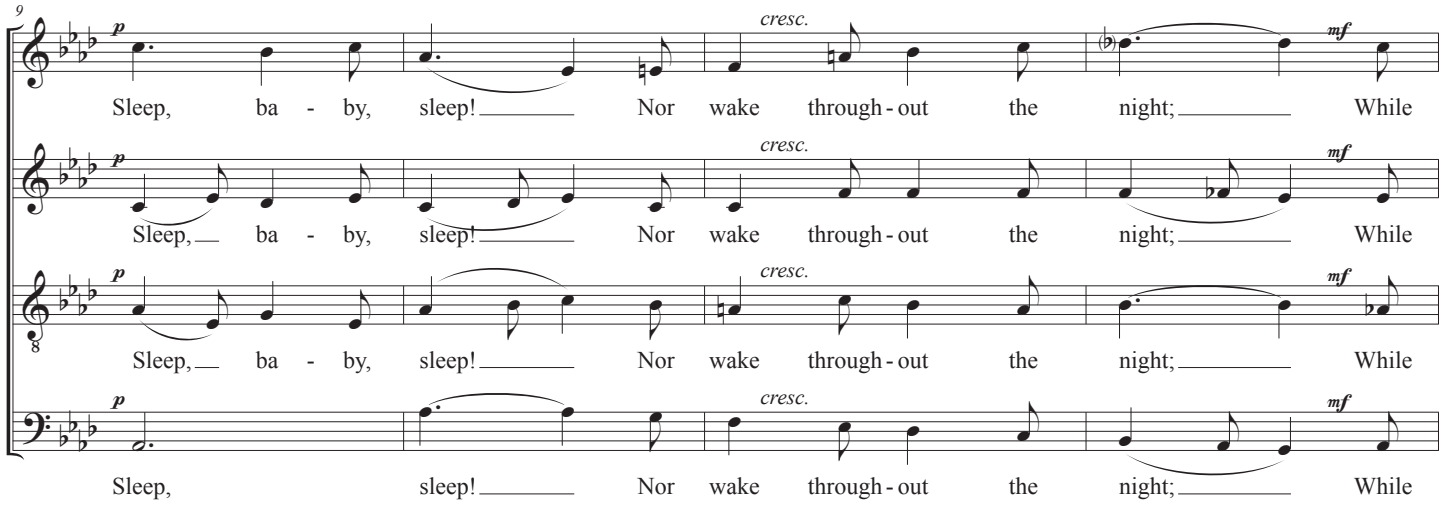
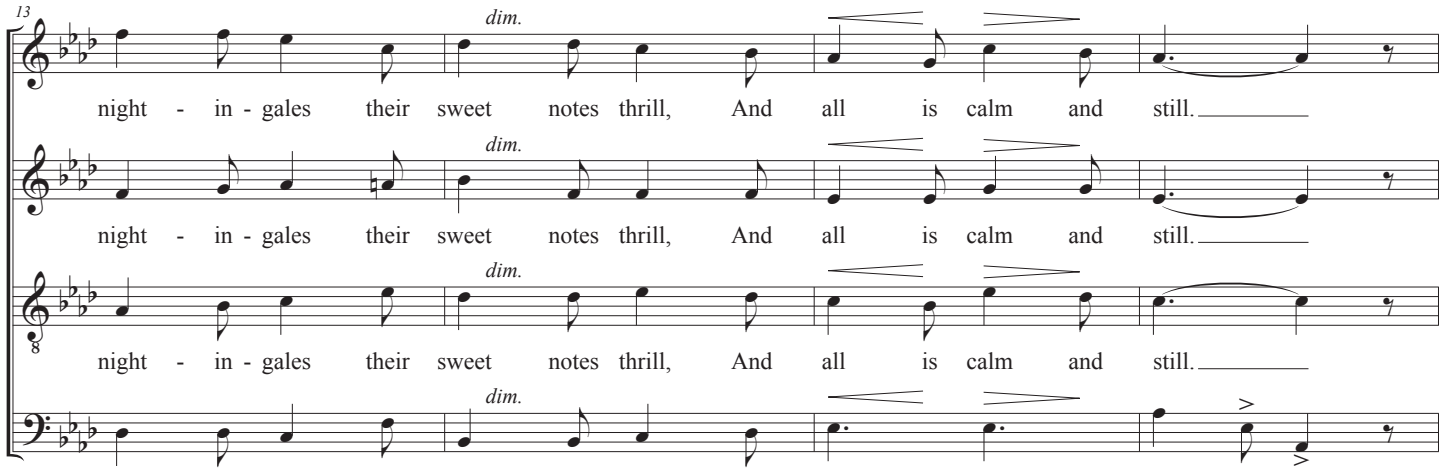

9
S
A
T
B
p
cresc.
mf
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake through - out the night; While


13
S
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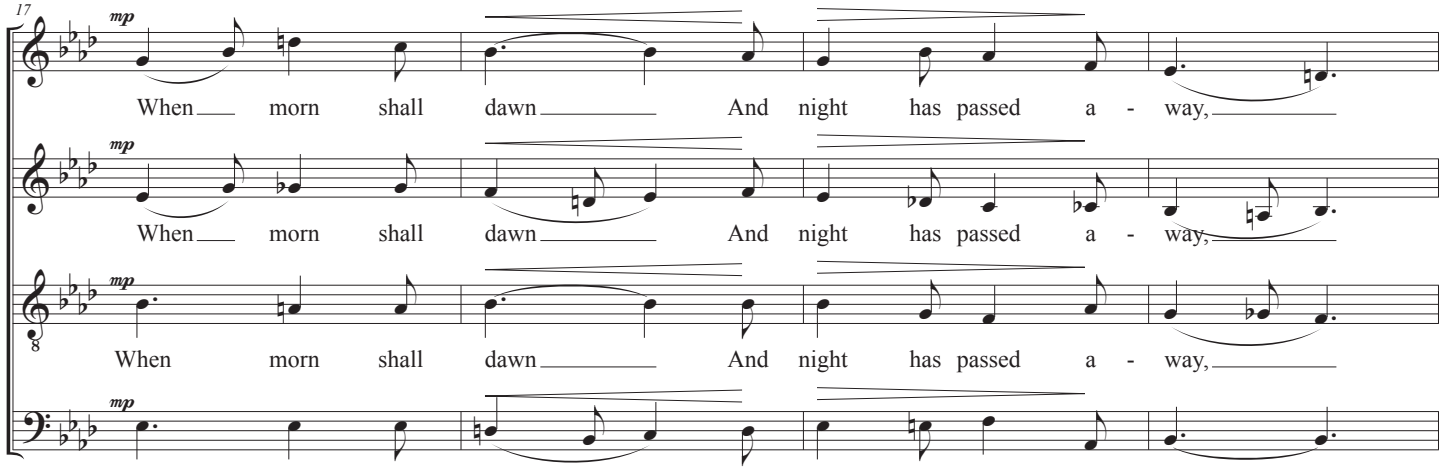
T
B
dim.
night - in - gales their sweet notes thrill, And all is calm and still.
night - in - gales their sweet notes thrill, And all is calm and still.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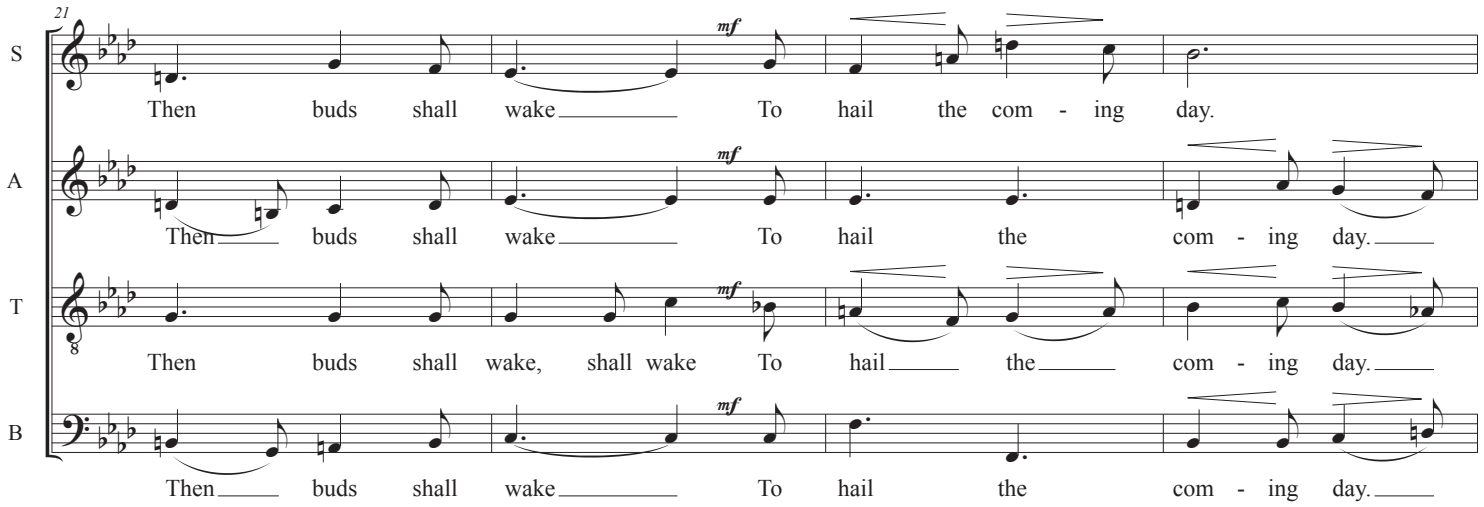
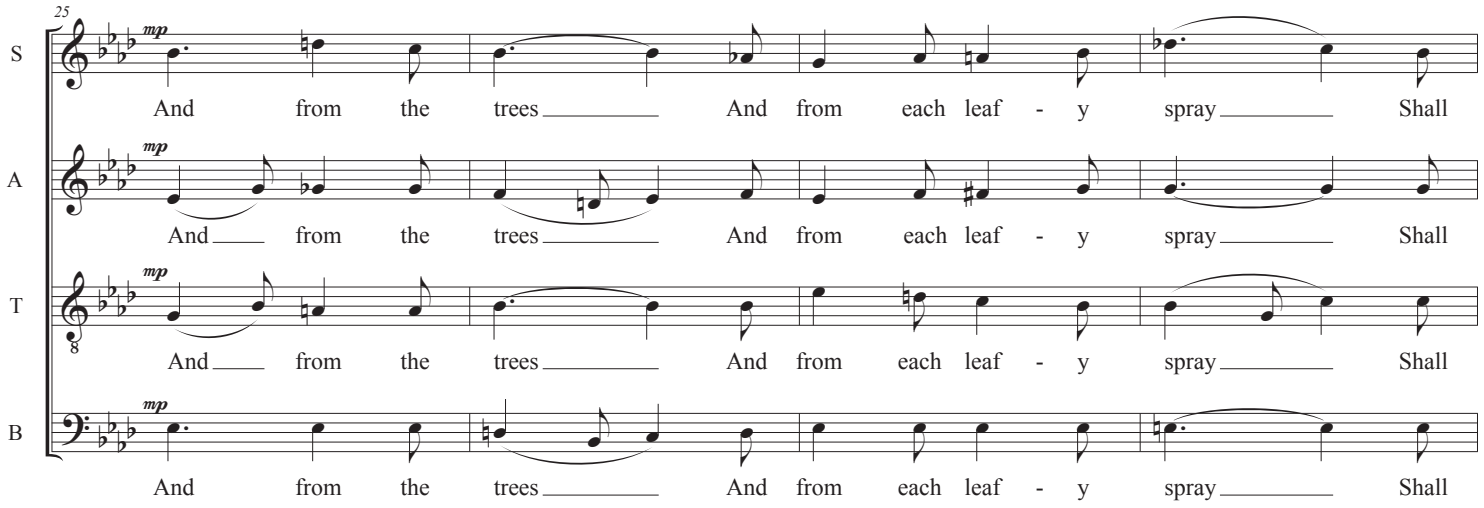
S
A
T
B
mp
When morn shall dawn And night has passed a - way,


21
S
A
T
B
mf
Then buds shall wake To hail the com - ing day.
Then buds shall wake To hail the com - ing day.
Then buds shall wake, shall wake To hail the com - ing day.
Then buds shall wake To hail the com - ing day.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S
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T
B
mp
And from the trees And from each leaf - y spray Shall
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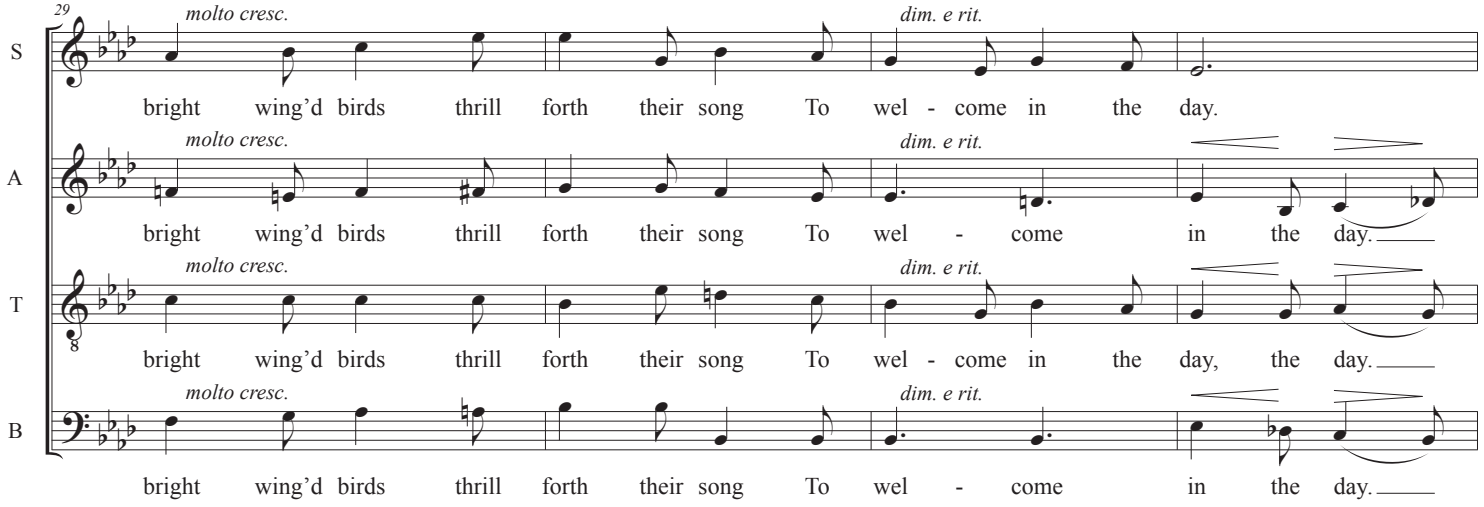
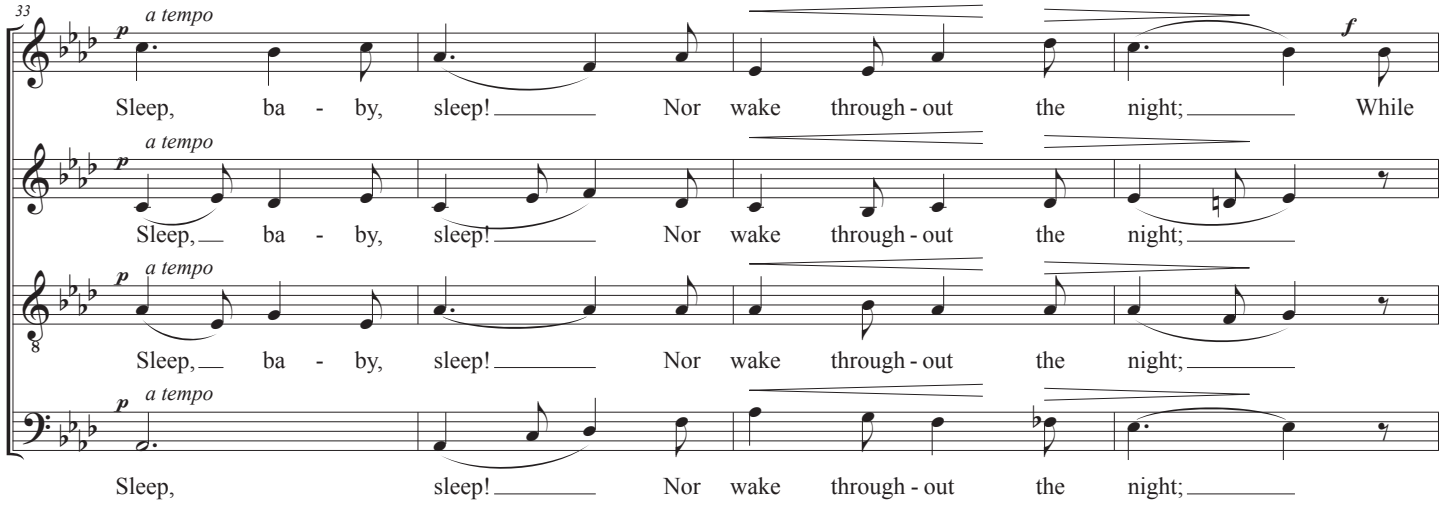
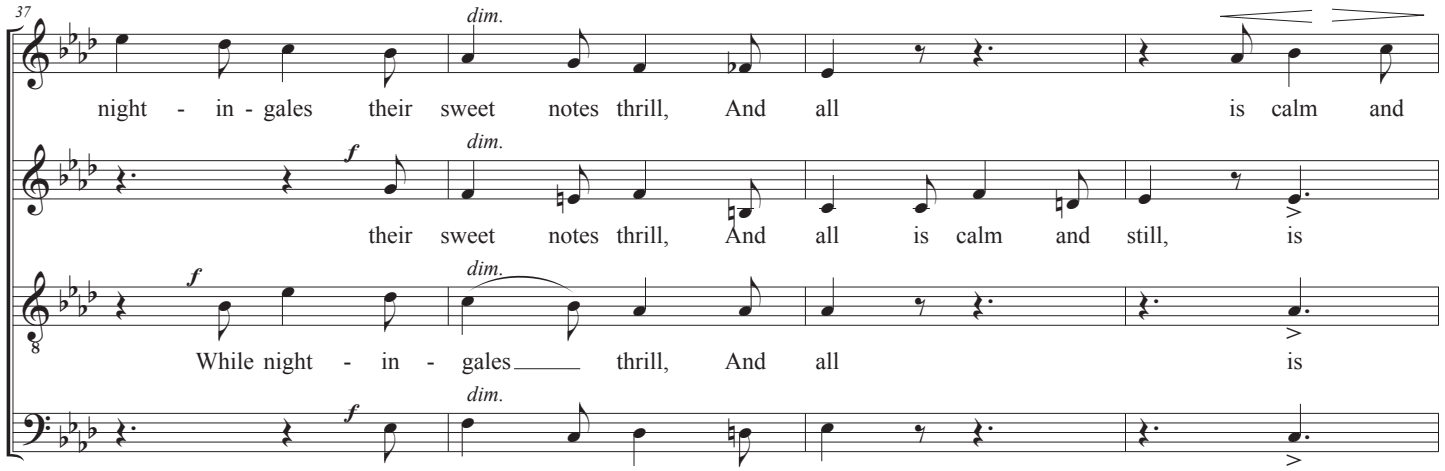
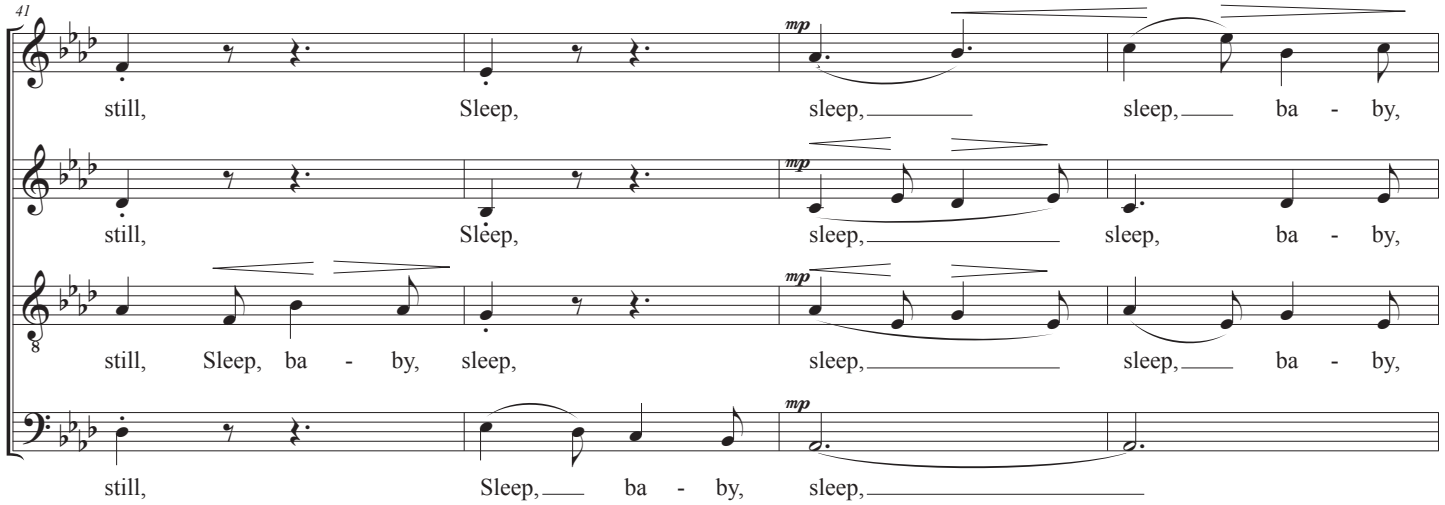
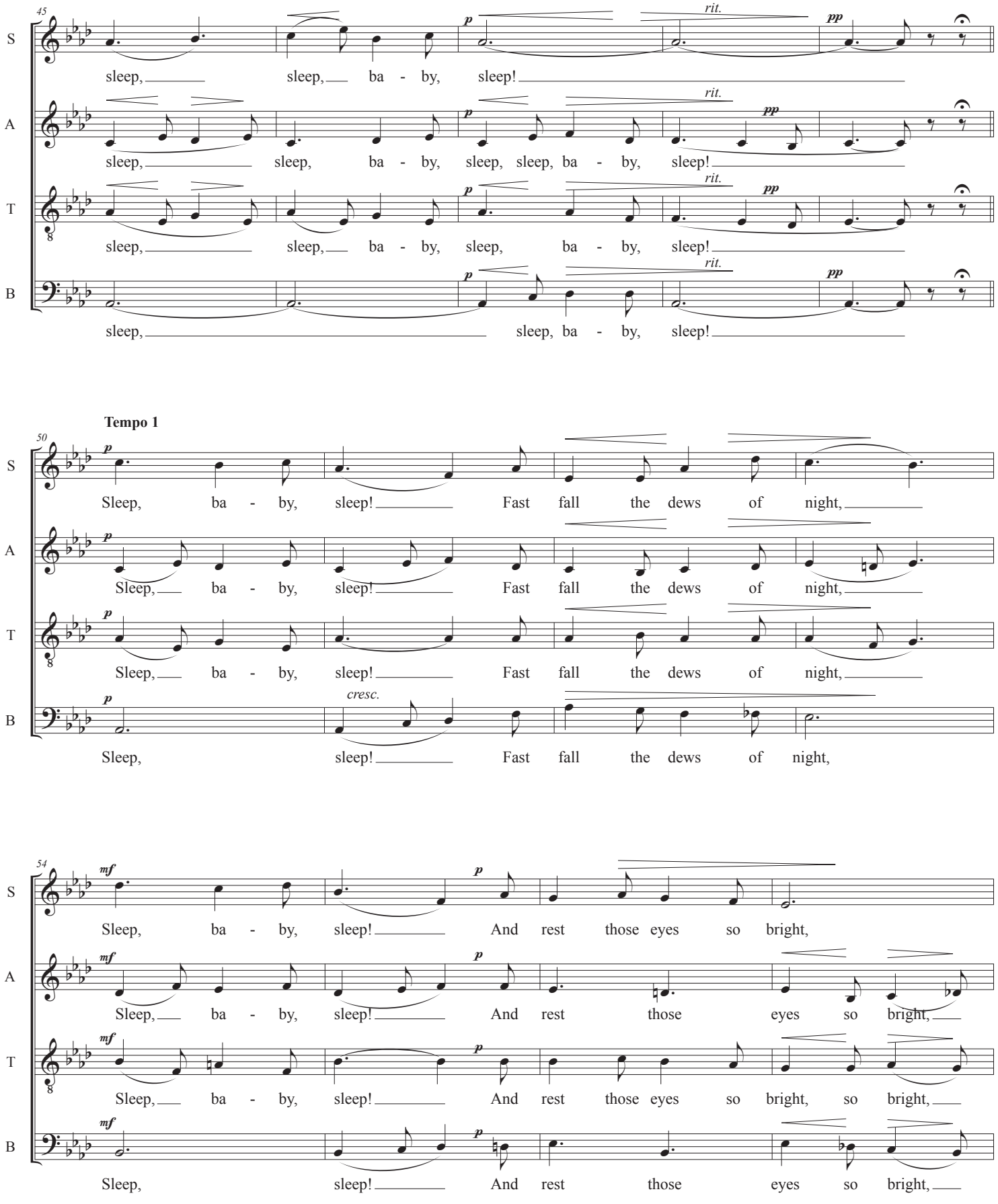
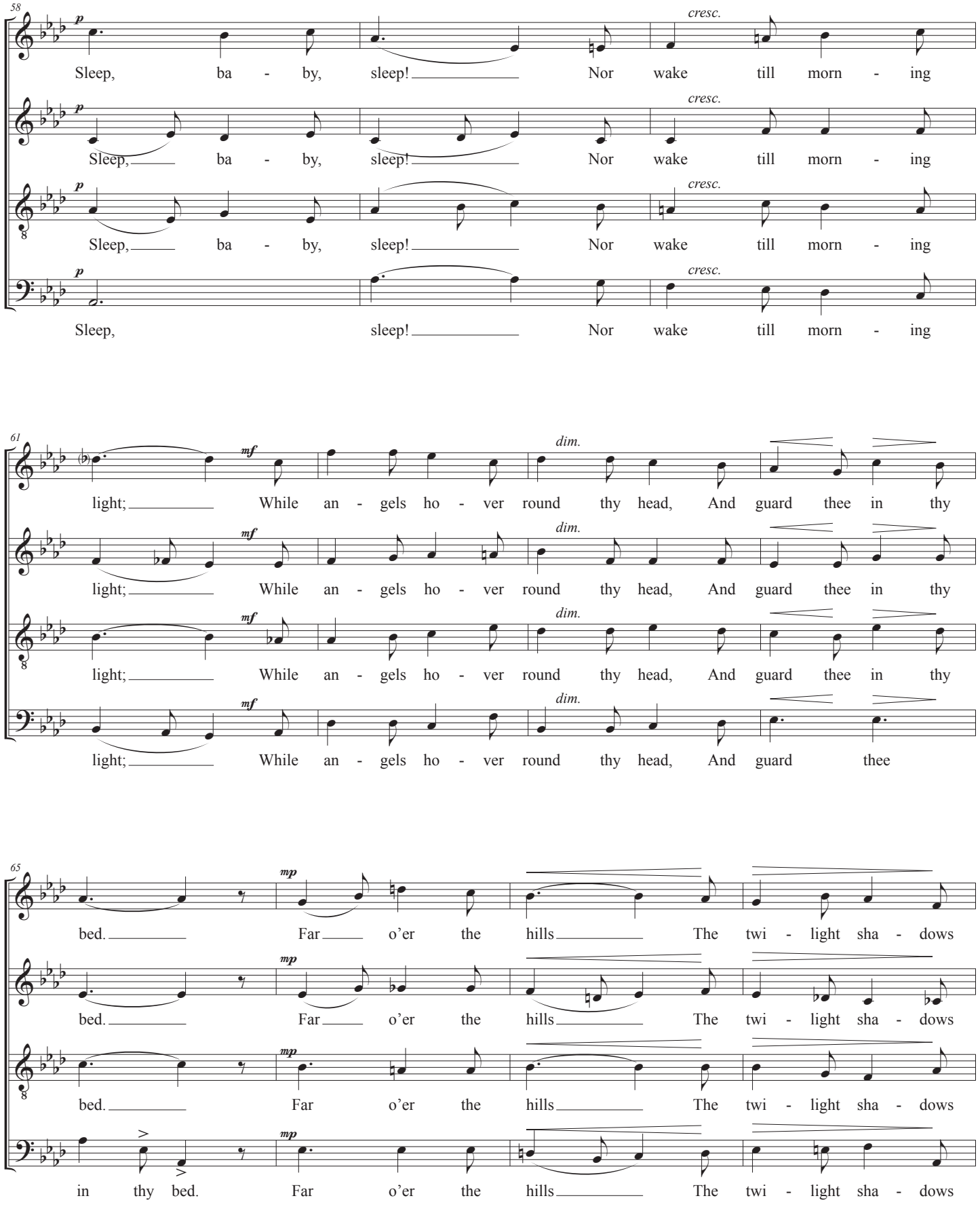

29
S
A
T
B
molto cresc.
dim. e rit.
bright wing'd birds thrill forth their song To wel - come in the day.
bright wing'd birds thrill forth their song To wel - come in the day.
bright wing'd birds thrill forth their song To wel - come in the day, the day.
bright wing'd birds thrill forth their song To wel - come in the day.

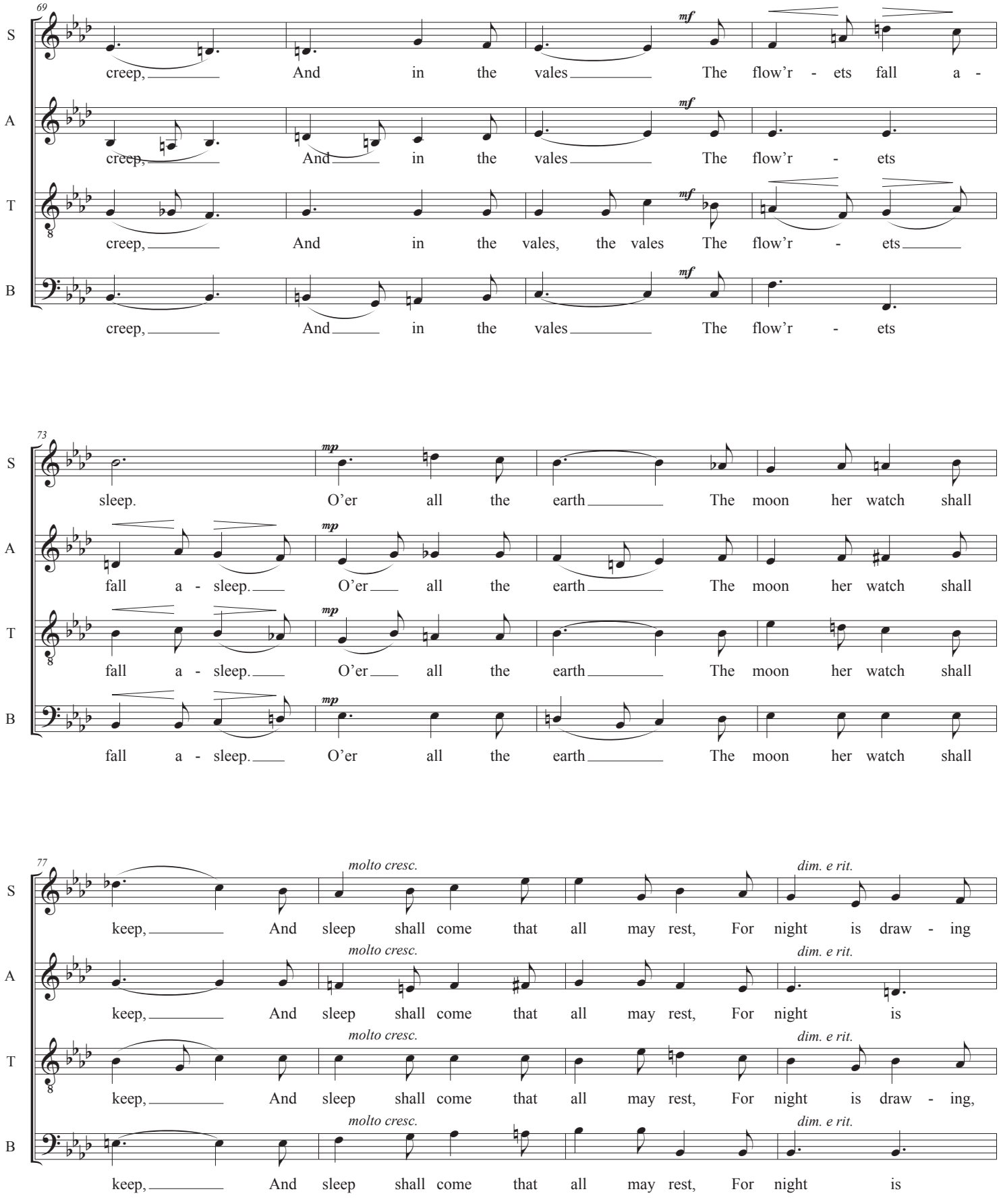

33
a tempo
p
S
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake through - out the night; While
A
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake through - out the night;
T
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake through - out the night;
B
Sleep, sleep! Nor wake through - out the night;
f

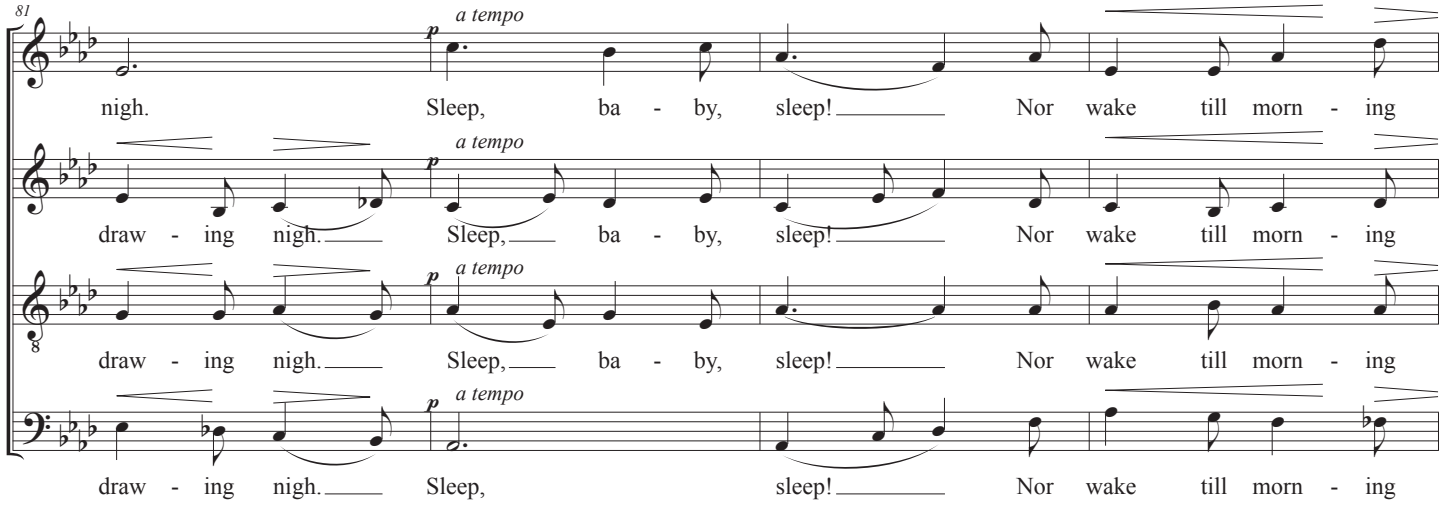

37
dim.
S
night - in - gales their sweet notes thrill, And all is calm and
A
f
their sweet notes thrill, And all is calm and still, is
T
While night - in - gales thrill, And all is
B
their sweet notes thrill, And all is

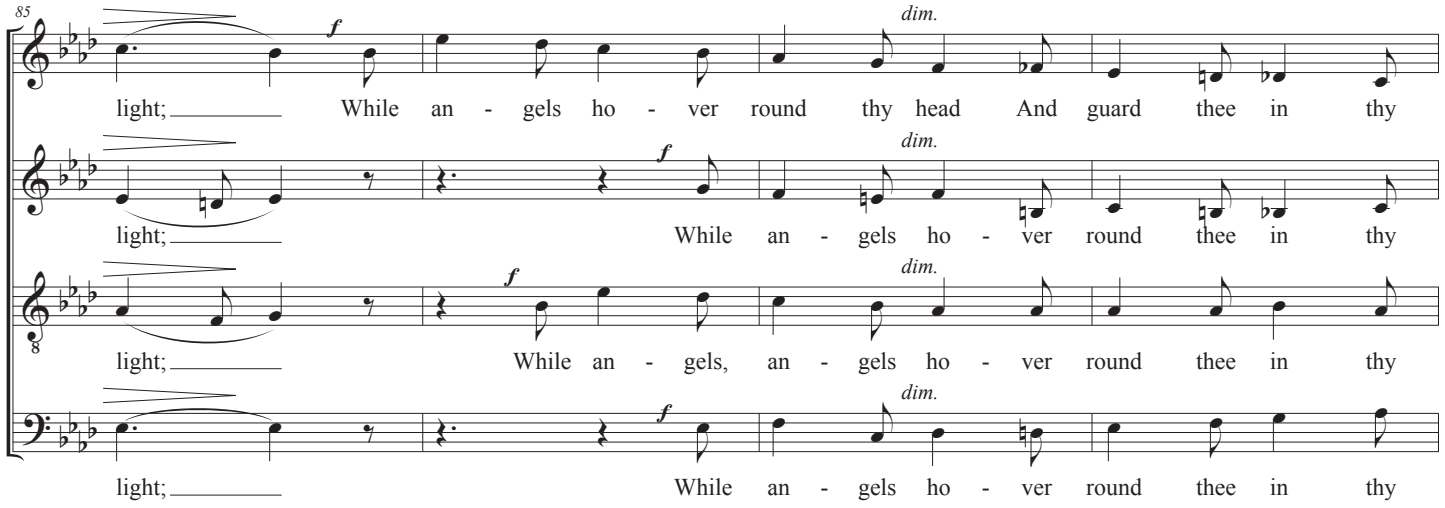

41
mp
S
still, Sleep, sleep, sleep, ba - by,
A
still, Sleep, sleep, sleep, ba - by,
T
still, Sleep, ba - by, sleep, sleep, sleep, ba - by,
B
still, Sleep, ba - by, sleep,

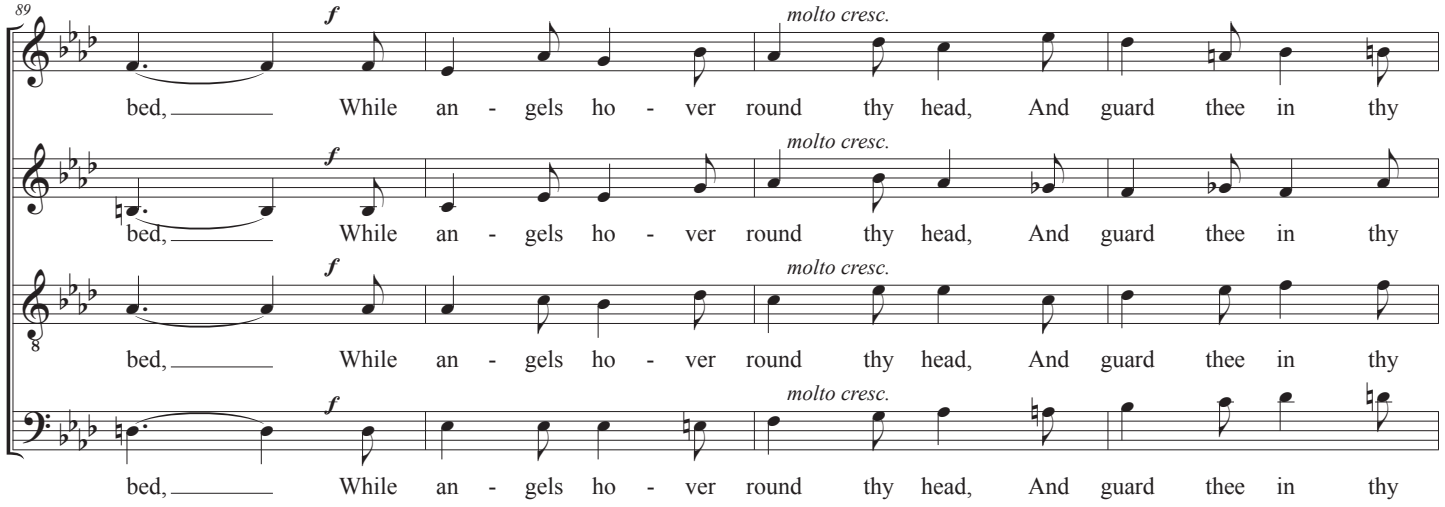

45
S
A
T
B
sleep, sleep, ba - by, sleep!
sleep, sleep, ba - by, sleep, sleep, ba - by, sleep!
sleep, sleep, ba - by, sleep, ba - by, sleep!
sleep, sleep, ba - by, sleep!
p
rit.
pp
Tempo 1
50
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Fast fall the dews of night,
cresc.
Sleep, sleep! Fast fall the dews of night,
54
mf
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! And rest those eyes so bright,
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! And rest those eyes so bright,
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! And rest those eyes so bright, so bright,
Sleep, sleep! And rest those eyes so bright,

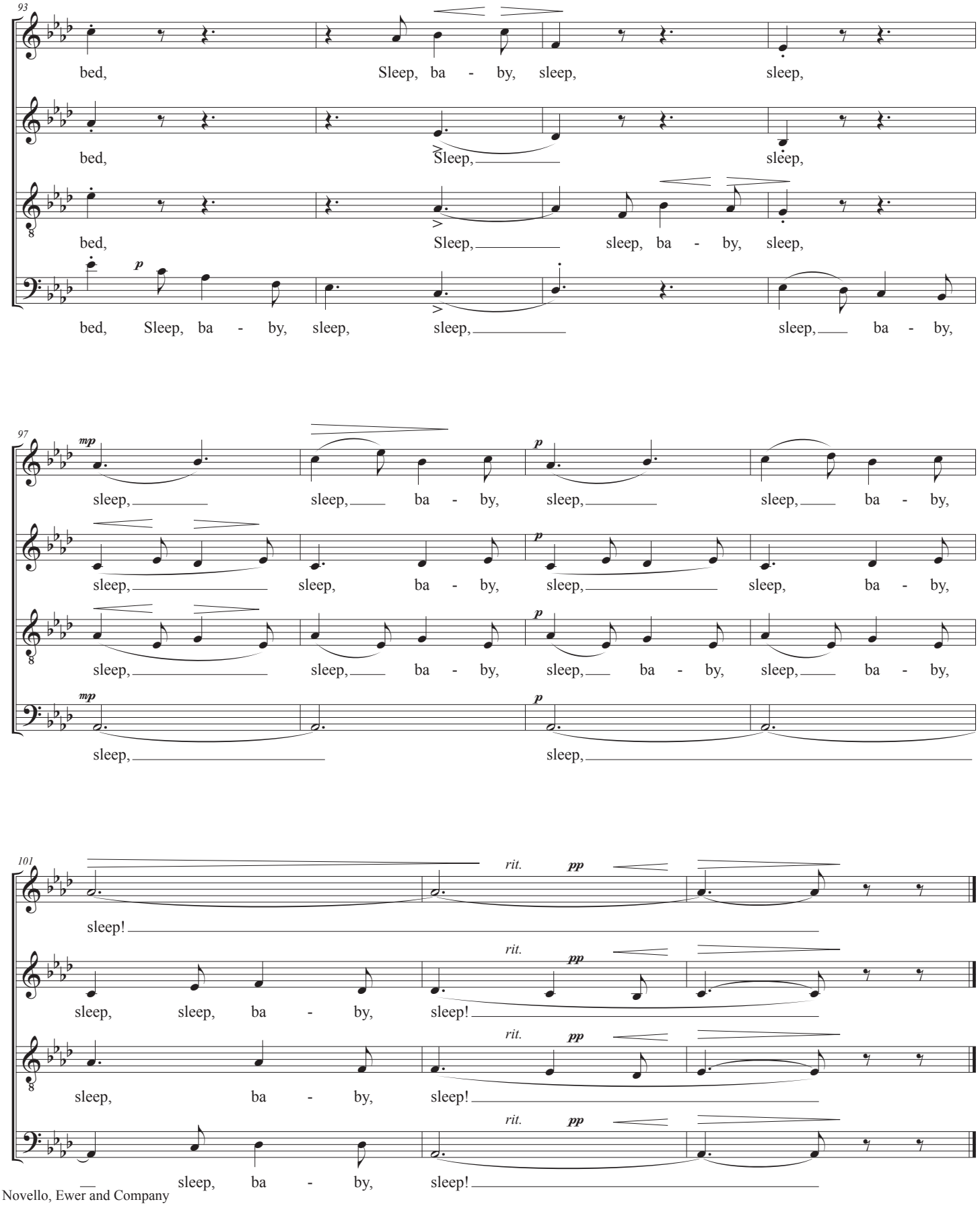

58
S
A
T
B
p
cresc.
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing
Sleep, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing
61
mf
dim.
light; While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee in thy
light; While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee in thy
light; While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee in thy
light; While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee
65
mp
bed. Far o'er the hills The twi - light sha - dows
bed. Far o'er the hills The twi - light sha - dows
bed. Far o'er the hills The twi - light sha - dows
in thy bed. Far o'er the hills The twi - light sha - dows


69
S
A
T
B
mf
creep, And in the vales The flow'r - ets fall a -
creep, And in the vales The flow'r - ets
creep, And in the vales, the vales The flow'r - ets
creep, And in the vales The flow'r - ets
73
mp
sleep. O'er all the earth The moon her watch shall
fall a - sleep. O'er all the earth The moon her watch shall
fall a - sleep. O'er all the earth The moon her watch shall
fall a - sleep. O'er all the earth The moon her watch shall
77
molto cresc.
dim. e rit.
keep, And sleep shall come that all may rest, For night is draw - ing
keep, And sleep shall come that all may rest, For night is
keep, And sleep shall come that all may rest, For night is draw - ing,
keep, And sleep shall come that all may rest, For night is


81
S
A
T
B
a tempo
p
nigh. Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing
draw - ing nigh. Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing
draw - ing nigh. Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing
draw - ing nigh. Sleep, sleep! Nor wake till morn - ing


85
S
A
T
B
f
dim.
light; While an - gels ho - ver round thy head And guard thee in thy
light; While an - gels ho - ver round thee in thy
light; While an - gels, an - gels ho - ver round thee in thy
light; While an - gels ho - ver round thee in thy


89
S
A
T
B
f
molto cresc.
bed, While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee in thy
bed, While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee in thy
bed, While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee in thy
bed, While an - gels ho - ver round thy head, And guard thee in thy



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