

Cradle Song

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for SATB choir

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Shut your eyes, little one
I'll be watching for you

Shut your mouth, little one
No crying now

Time to sleep, little one
Such a sweet thing you are

Time to sleep, little one
Just one night and you're—

—just one bite and you're—

gone

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$\text{♩} = 42$

pp *poco rit.*

Soprano
Shut your eyes lit-tle one Shut your eyes lit-tle one

Alto
pp Ooo ooo ooo ooo Ah
n. *pp* Ooo

Tenor
pp Ooo ooo ooo ooo Ah
pp Ooo

Bass
pp Ah

7 *a tempo* *poco rit.* *mf* *pp*

Sop. I'll be watch-ing for

Alto *p* I'll be watch-ing I'll be watch-ing I'll be watch-ing for
mf *pp*

Tenor I'll be watch-ing I'll be watch-ing I'll be watch-ing
mf

Bass I'll be watch-ing I'll be watch-ing I'll be watch-ing
mf

11 *a tempo*

Sop. *mp* you Ah *slow, exaggerated portamento* Shut your mouth *pp* Ooo *mp* Shut your

Alto *mp* you Ah *slow, exaggerated portamento* Shut your mouth *pp* Ooo

Tenor *pp* you Ah *slow, exaggerated portamento* Shut your mouth lit - tle one *pp*

Bass *mp* you Ah Shut your mouth Ooo

Bass *mp* Shut your mouth

15 *mp* rit. *a tempo, or slightly slower* *PPP*

Sop. mouth lit - tle one (n) No cry - ing *PPP*

Alto *mf* Shut your mouth lit - tle one (n) No cry - ing *PPP*

Tenor *mf* Shut your mouth one (n) No cry - ing *PPP*

Bass *mf* Shut your mouth one (n) No cry - ing *PPP*

21 *ff* *poco rit.* *p* *p*

Sop. cry - ing — cry - ing — now — cry - ing

Alto cry cry - ing — cry cry - ing — now cry - ing — cry - ing — now

Tenor - ing cry — ing cry - ing now — now —

Bass *ff* No no no no now cry - ing — *pp*

No No no no now

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♩ = 42 (a tempo)

25 *pp* *pp*

Sop. now Time to sleep lit-tle one Time to sleep such a

Alto *pp* Ooo Time to sleep

Tenor *pp* now cry-ing cry - ing Time to sleep

Bass *pp* now Ooo Time to sleep

30 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Sop. sweet thing you are Time to sleep lit - tle one

Alto *mf* sweet thing you are Time to sleep Time to sleep lit - tle one

Tenor *mf* sweet you are Time to sleep Time to sleep lit - tle one

Bass *mf* sweet you are Time to sleep sleep sleep

rit.
p *pp* *p* *cresc.* $\text{♩} = 38$

Sop. Sleep — Sleep lit - tle one — Just one night Just one

Alto Time to sleep — one — Just Just one night one

Tenor Sleep time to sleep lit - tle one Just Just one night Just

Bass Lit - tle one — Just one night Just

allarg. *p* *pp* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p*

Sop. night Just one bite and you're gone —

Alto night just one night one bite just one bite Ah

Tenor one just one night just one Ah — Ah

Bass one one night just one just one bite Ah

41 $\text{♩} = 38$ *rit.* *p* *pp* (sustain vowel)

Sop. — and you're gone you're gone and you're gone.

Alto *pp* (non port.) *p* (sustain only "n")
 Ah — Ooo — gone — and you're gone.

Tenor *pp* *p* (sustain only "n")
 Ah — Ooo — gone and you're gone.

Bass *pp* *p* (sustain only "n")
 Ah Ooo gone — and you're gone.

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