



6 CHORAL FOLK-SONGS  
H. 136, Op. 36b  
3.

# Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Gustav Holst  
(1874-1934)

**Poco Adagio** SOLO OR SEMI-CHORUS  
*p* *sempre legato*

S Mat - thew, Mark, and Luke, and John, Bless the bed that

A *pp*  
Mm

T

B *pp*  
Mm

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

5

S I lie on. Four an - gels to my bed, Two to bot - tom,

A

T

B

9

S two to head, Two to hear me when I pray, Two to bear my

A

T

B

2 SOLO VOICES OR SEMI-CHORUS

13

S soul a - way. Mm

A

T

B

TUTTI

pp

Mm

Mm

17

S

A

T *p*  
8 God is the branch and I the flower, Pray God send me a bless - ed hour.

B *p*  
8 God is the branch and I the flower, Pray God send me a bless - ed hour.

21

S  
(mouths half open)

A  
(mouths half open)

T *mp*  
8 I go to bed some sleep to take: The Lord, He knows if I shall wake.

B *mp*  
8 I go to bed some sleep to take: The Lord, He knows if I shall wake.

25

S *cresc.* *Largo* *f* God re-ceive my soul for ev *p* *pp*

A *cresc.* *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *p* *pp*

T *mf* *f* Sleep I ev - er, sleep I nev - er, God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *p* *pp*

B *mf* *f* Sleep I ev - er, sleep I nev - er, God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *p* *pp*

## THE EVENING PRAYER

Matthew, Mark and Luke and John,  
Bless the bed that I lie on.  
Four angels to my bed,  
Two to bottom, two to head,  
Two to hear me when I pray,  
Two to bear my soul away.

God is the branch and I the flower,  
Pray God send me a blessed hour.  
I go to bed some sleep to take:  
The Lord, He knows if I shall wake.  
Sleep I ever, sleep I never,  
God receive my soul for ever.

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