

A CRADLE HYMN (Hush, my dear, lie still)

Words: Isaac Watts

For Harriet 1997

Music: Douglas Brooks-Davies

Tenderly ♩ = 75

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S Hush, my dear, lie still and slumb-----er,

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T Hush, my dear, lie still and slumb-----er,

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Piano or Organ

Hol-y an----- gels guard thy bed; Heav'nly bless-ings with-out numb- er Gent-ly fall-----ing

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on thy head; Lul-la-- by, lul---la--by, Peace, my bab-----y, lull--a-- by.

on thy head; Lul-la--- by, lul- la--- by, Peace, my bab-----y, lul-la--- by.

Lul- la-- by, Peace, my bab-----y, lul-la--- by.

Lul- la, lul- la- by, Peace, my bab-----y, lul-la--- by.

1 Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber,
 Holy angels guard thy bed;
 Heav'nly blessings without number
 Gently falling on thy head.
 Lullaby, lullaby, peace, my baby, lullaby.

2 Soft and easy is thy cradle,
 Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay,
 When His birthplace was a stable,
 And His softest bed was hay.
 Lullaby, lullaby, peace, my baby, lullaby.

3 See the kinder shepherds round Him,
 Telling wonders from the sky;
 Where they sought Him, there they found Him,
 With His Virgin Mother by.
 Lullaby, lullaby, peace, my baby, lullaby.

4 See the lovely Babe a-dressing;
 Lovely Infant, how he smiled!
 When He wept the Mother's blessing
 Soothed and hushed the Holy Child.
 Lullaby, lullaby, peace, my baby, lullaby.

5 Lo, he slumbers in His manger,
 Where the horned oxen fed;
 Peace, my darling, here's no danger,
 Here's no ox a-near thy bed.
 Lullaby, lullaby, sleep, my baby, lullaby.

(from Isaac Watts, *Divine Songs*, 1720, *A Cradle Hymn*, st. 1, 4, 9, 10, 11; refrain added by DBD)
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