

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

West Country Folksong

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Poco adagio (♩ = c.52)
solo or semichorus p sempre legato

SOPRANO
Mat- thew, Mark, and Luke, and John, Bless the bed that I lie on.

ALTO
pp *stagger breath*
Mm

TENOR
Mm

BASS
pp *stagger breath*
Mm

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S. Four an - gels to my bed, Two to bot - tom, Two to head,

A.

B.

10

S. *2 solo voices or semichorus*
Two to hear me when I pray, Two to bear my soul a - way.

A.

B.

14 *Tutti pp*
Mm
pp
Mm
pp *Mm*
p poco a poco crescendo
p poco a poco crescendo

God is the branch and I the flow'r,
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19 *pp* *mouths half open*
pp *mouths half open*
Ah!
Ah!
mp
mp

Pray God send me a bless-ed hour. I go to bed some sleep to take: the
 Pray God send me a bless-ed hour. I go to bed some sleep to take: the

23 *mf*
mf

Lord, He knows if I shall wake. Sleep I ev-er, sleep I nev-er,
 Lord, He knows if I shall wake. Sleep I ev-er, sleep I nev-er,

27 **Largo**

S. *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *pp*

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

T. *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *pp*

B. *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *pp*