

# ***Sleep Now, Child***

SSAA divisi and Piano



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*Sleep Now, Child* is a lullaby for women's choir and piano. With a gently rocking accompaniment and peaceful harmonies, the music is meant to evoke the warmth and tenderness of the lyrics. These words were inspired by my own experience with motherhood and my child's need for peace and comfort. The piece also reflects my hope that all children, and indeed all of us in our vulnerable and childlike moments, may feel embraced and protected when we most need it.

-LKN

Gently rest upon my breast,  
Breathe deeply and then sigh.  
Find comfort here in my soft arms,  
Find peace where you lie.

As you slumber I will wait,  
Keep watch while stars move overhead,  
Hold you here inside my arms,  
And make for you the softest bed.

Sleep now, child, and close your eyes,  
As the moon above us rises,  
I will tend the fire tonight,  
Watch over you till morning sun shines bright.

In my embrace may you find love,  
In my arms rest your cares,  
Whisper secrets in my ear,  
And tell me all you wish to share.

Sleep now, child...

Duration: ca. 3 min.



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For Marla Wasson and Safonia  
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♩ = 80

**Rocking**

All in unison

*mp*

Gen - tly rest up - on my breast, -

♩ = 80

**Rocking**

Piano

*p*

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breathe deep - ly and then sigh. \_\_\_\_\_ Find

Pno.

7

com - fort here in my soft arms, \_\_\_\_\_ find peace in where you lie. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

11 **A** *mp*  
S. I will wait, keep  
A. *mp* As you slum-ber I will wait, keep  
Pno. **A** *p*

15 watch while stars move ov - er - head. Hold you here in - side my arms, —  
S. watch while stars move ov - er-head, ov - er - head. Hold you here in - side my arms, —  
A. watch while stars move ov - er - head. Hold you here in - side my arms, —  
Pno.

18

S. in my arms, and make for you the soft - est bed.

A. — and make for you the soft - est bed.

Pno.

**B**

21 *f*

S. Sleep now, child, and close your eyes, as the moon a - bove us ris - es, I will tend the

A. *f* Sleep now, child, and close your eyes, as the moon a - bove us ris - es, I will tend the

Pno. *mf*