

Sing Softly is a gentle manger ballad that is easily learned and performed by two-part treble voices. The lyrics paint a descriptive picture of the first Christmas night, making the anthem perfect for a Christmas Eve service or a Christmas pageant with a nativity tableau. Use the dynamic contrasts not only to help heighten the text, but to teach young singers the impact of dynamic contrasts in music, and why they are used. Strive for pure vowel sounds to add to the innocence and wonder of the text.

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SING SOFTLY

for Unison/2-Part Treble voices, accompanied*

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Gently (♩ = ca. 100)

UNISON**

ACCOMP.

pp

p

Sing

5

soft - ly to the lit - tle Ba - by born in Beth - le - hem. Sing

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soft - ly to the lit - tle Ba - by born in Beth - le - hem.

* To purchase a full-length performance recording (42932) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads.

** The lower second part is optional throughout. This anthem can also be sung by Soprano/Alto adults.

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Ma - ry and Jo - seph are near Him there in Beth - le - hem.

17

mp

Ma - ry and Jo - seph are near Him there in Beth - le - hem.

21

mf

Loo, loo, loo, loo, born in Beth - le -

24

hem. Sing soft - ly to the lit - tle Ba - by born in Beth - le -

28

mp 29

hem. The an - i - mals are gent - ly watch - ing the

31

cra - dle in Beth - le - hem. The an - i - mals are gent - ly

34

watch - ing the cra - dle in Beth - le - hem. The

37

an - gels are qui - et - ly guard - ing the Babe of Beth - le -

hem. The an - gels are qui - et - ly guard - ing the Babe of Beth - le -

hem. *mf* Loo, loo, loo, loo,

born in Beth - le - hem. Sing soft - ly to the lit - tle

Ba - by born in Beth - le - hem. The

53

shep - herds will soon be go - ing o - ver to Beth - le -

56

hem. The shep - herds will soon be go - ing

59

o - ver to Beth - le - hem. All — will bow down and

rall. *f* *a tempo*

62

wor - ship the Child of Beth - le - hem.

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All__ will bow down and wor - ship the Child of Beth - le -

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hem. *mf* Loo, loo, loo, loo,

71

born in Beth - le hem. *cresc.* All__ will bow down and

74

wor - ship the Child of Beth - le - hem. *rit.*