

**Slumber, Child**  
*by Elizabeth Tippet*

Watching you sleep  
Dreaming of you years from today  
You'll still be mine to keep  
When you are far away

Slumber child  
Sleep and dream  
Grow and believe  
In all you will be

May the world fade away into darkness  
So you can rest your running mind  
To your fluttering eyes and pulsing chest  
Moon and stars be kind

Slumber child  
My child  
Sleep and dream  
Grow and believe  
In all you will be  
Always my child

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For our daughter, Madeline Beth

# SLUMBER, CHILD

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano

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Restfully (♩ = ca. 76) 3 *mp*

SOPRANO  
ALTO  
TENOR  
BASS

Watch-ing you \_\_\_\_\_ sleep,  
Watch-ing you \_\_\_\_\_ sleep,

Restfully (♩ = ca. 76) *p leggiero*

PIANO

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dream - ing of you years from to - day.

dream - ing of you years from to - day.

*mp* Dream - ing

*mp* Dream ing

Piano accompaniment for measures 5-7, featuring arpeggiated chords and melodic lines in both hands.

*mp* You'll still be mine to keep

*mp* You'll still be mine to keep, to

of you years from to - day. You'll still be mine to keep, to

of you years from to - day. You'll still be mine to keep, to

Piano accompaniment for measures 8-10, continuing the arpeggiated accompaniment style.

11

when you are far a - way,  
 keep, you are far a - way,  
 keep, you are far a - way,  
 keep, you are far a - way,

14

far a - way. Slum - ber child.  
 far a - way. Slum - ber child, slum - ber  
 far a - way. Slum - ber child, slum - ber  
 far a - way. Slum - ber child.

*rit.* *a tempo mf*  
*rit.* *a tempo mf*  
*rit.* *a tempo mf*  
*rit.* *a tempo mf*  
*rit.* *a tempo mf*

17

Sleep and dream. Grow  
 child. Sleep and dream. Grow  
 child. Sleep and dream. Grow  
 Sleep and dream, and dream. Grow

20

and be - lieve in *mp*  
 and be - lieve in *mp*  
 and be - lieve in *mp*  
 and be - lieve in *mp*

23

all you will be, in all you will

all you will be, in all you will

all you will be, in all you will

all you will be, in all you will

*mp*

26

be.

be.

be.

be.

*p*

29

*mp*  
Fade a - way in-to the

*p* *cresc.*  
May the world fade a - way in-to dark - ness

*p* *cresc.*  
May the world fade a - way in-to dark - ness

*mp*  
Fade a - way in-to the

33

*p* *cresc.*  
dark. Rest your run - ning mind

*p* *cresc.*  
so you can rest your run - ning mind, your

*p* *cresc.*  
so you can rest your run - ning mind, your

*p* *cresc.*  
dark. Rest your run - ning mind.

36

37

*mp* to your flut-ter-ing eyes and  
*mp* mind to your flut-ter-ing eyes, flut-ter-ing eyes and  
 mind, flut-ter-ing eyes,  
*mp* Rest your run - ning mind, flut-ter-ing

38

puls-ing chest. Moon and stars be  
 puls-ing chest, puls-ing chest. Moon and stars be  
 puls-ing chest. Moon and stars be  
 eyes, puls-ing chest, puls-ing chest. Moon and stars be



41

*mf* kind, be kind. *cresc.*

*mf* kind. Oh, moon and stars be kind. *cresc.*

*mf* kind. Oh, moon and stars be kind. *cresc.*

*mf* kind. Oh, stars be kind. Oh, moon and

*mf* *cresc.*

44

*rit.* Ah! *a tempo f*

*rit.* Slum - ber child. *f a tempo*

*rit.* Slum - ber child, my child. *f a tempo*

*rit.* Stars be kind. Slum - ber child, my *f a tempo*

*rit.* stars be kind. Slum - ber child. *f a tempo*

*rit.* *f a tempo*

47 *Ah!* *cresc.*

Sleep and dream. — Grow and be -

Sleep and dream. Grow and be -

child. Sleep and dream. Grow and be

Sleep and dream. Sleep and dream and be -

*cresc.*

50 *ff*

lieve, my child! In

lieve, my child, my child! In

lieve, my child, my child! In

lieve, my child! In

*ff*

53

all you will be!

all you will be!

all you will be!

all you will be!

*mp*

56

*molto rit.*  
*p*

Al - ways my

*molto rit.*  
*p*

Al - ways my

*molto rit.*  
*p*

Al - ways my

*molto rit.*  
*pp*

Al - ways my

59

*a tempo*

child.

*a tempo*

child.

*a tempo*

child.

*a tempo*

child.

*a tempo dolce*

*p*

*mp*

62

63

*mp dolce*

Slum - ber my child.

*mp dolce*

Slum - ber my child.

*mp dolce*

Slum - ber my child.

*mp dolce*

Slum - ber my child.

66

*mp*  
Al - ways my

*mp*  
Al - ways my

*mp*  
Al - ways my

*mp*  
Al - ways my

Al - ways my

69

71

child.

child, my child.

child, my child.

child.

child.

*mp*

72

*rit.* *pp* Al - ways my

*rit.* *pp* Al - ways my

*rit.* *pp* Al - ways my

*rit.* *pp* Al - ways my

Al - ways my

*rit.*

75

*a tempo* *decresc. al fine* child.

*a tempo* *decresc. al fine* child.

*a tempo* *decresc. al fine* child.

*a tempo* *decresc. al fine* child.

*a tempo* *decresc. al fine* child.

*pp* *a tempo* *decresc. al fine*

