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# Eileen Aroon

This matchless melody dates back to the early days of Irish minstrelsy, and was perhaps known in the thirteenth century. The modern version of the text reflects faithfully the spirit and intention of the old verses. As with the Scotch version of the song, *Robin Adair*, the song *Eileen Aroon* came to birth under deeply romantic circumstances.

Handel is said to have declared that he would rather have been the composer of this exquisite air than of all the music he had written. Whether or not he made so extreme a statement, the loveliness of the song is sufficient to lend color to the report. At the same time the sincere purity and simplicity of the song make it one that the humblest as well as the greatest may possess.

Text by  
GERALD GRIFFIN

**Old Irish Air  
Accompaniment by  
WILL EARHART**

## **Andante** (*Quietly moving*)

Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 11-12. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is treble clef, 3/4 time, with dynamic markings *p*, *poco rit.*, and *e dim.*. The bottom staff is bass clef, 3/4 time, with dynamic *mf*. The music includes various note heads, stems, and rests, with some notes connected by horizontal lines. Measure 11 ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. Measure 12 begins with a bass note followed by a treble note, then continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

*mp a tempo*

1. When, like the ear - ly rose, Ei - leen A - roon!  
 2. Is it the laugh - ing eye, Ei - leen A - roon!  
 3. When, like the ris - ing day, Ei - leen A - roon!

*mp a tempo*

Beau - ty in child - hood blows, Ei - leen A - roon!  
Is it the tim - id sigh, Ei - leen A - roon!  
Love sends his ear - ly ray, Ei - leen A - roon!

# Cradle Song

## Wiegenlied

It is now believed certain that Mozart did not write this song. The accompaniment is so easy that it becomes difficult. Its transparency must be preserved and the little sixteenth note passages made delicate and even. As with all Mozartian renditions, there should be no evidence of conscious artifice.

The three final measures may be used as introduction.

Attributed to  
W.A. MOZART  
(1756-1791)

**Andante (Moderately)**

1. Sleep, oh my dar - ling, now sleep!  
2. Qui - et now reigns in the house,  
1. *Schla - fe, mein Prinz - chen, schlaf' ein!*  
2. *Al - les im Schlos - se schon liegt,*

Moth - er her vig - il doth  
Still are the cat and the  
*Schäf - chen ruh'n und Vö - ge -*  
*Al - les in Schlum - mer ge -*

keep;  
mouse;  
lein,  
wiegts;

Birds are a - sleep in their nests,  
Tur - moil of day now is o'er,  
*Gar - ten und Wie - se ver - stummt,*  
*re - get kein Mäus - chen sich mehr,*

Lamb - kins and bees are at  
Bird - lings are sing - ing no  
*auch nicht ein Bien - chen mehr*  
*Kel - ler und Kü - che sind*

rest;  
more,  
summt,  
leer,

All now is qui - et and still,  
All now in slum - ber doth lie,  
*Lu - na mit sil - ber - nem Schein*  
*nur in der Zo - fe Ge - mach*