

To Raymond Bramwell on his 90th birthday

OH SLEEP!

for SSAATTB & piano

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(1772–1834)

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(b 1959)

Andante

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

PIANO

p delicato

poco ped

3

8

poco

(8)

4

loco

loco

poco

8

7

p

Oh sleep! it is a gen-tle thing, Be -

p

gen - tle thing,

3

3

10

- lov - ed from pole to pole! To Ma - -

from pole to pole! *mp* To Ma - -

13

- - ry Queen the praise be giv'n!

16

p She sent the gen-tle sleep from Heav'n, from

Hea - ven *poco cresc* - - -

p *poco cresc* - - -

p *poco cresc* - - -

* Grace notes always on the beat.

19 *(poco cresc)* - - - - *mp* That

Heav'n That slid in - to my soul.

(poco cresc) - - - - *mp*

(poco cresc) - - - - *mp*

22 *pp* *Joyfully* *ff*

pp *ff*

O hap - py, hap - py, hap - py liv - ing things!

pp *ff*

25 *dim* - - - -

ff *dim* - - - -

O hap - py, hap - py, hap - py liv - - - ing things! *dim*

ff *dim* - - - -

dim - - - -

28 (*dim*) *legato*

no tongue. Their beau - ty might de - clare: de - clare:

(*dim*) *legato*

31 *p* A spring of *cresc*

A spring of love gush'd from my heart, And I

p A spring of *cresc*

34 (*cresc*) *dim* *f* *dim* *mp* *p*

bless'd them un - a - ware.

(*cresc*) *f* *dim* *mp* *p*

mf *dim* *p*

3

37

sleep! it is a gen-tle thing, Be - lov - - ed

gen - tle thing,

40

from pole to pole! To Ma - - ry Queen

from pole to pole! mp To Ma - - ry Queen

43

the praise be - giv'n! She sent the gen-tle