

Alan Bullard

Sweet babe, sang she

for Soprano (solo or semichorus) and SATB,
unaccompanied

6 SOLO (or semichorus) *p cantabile*

The musical score is written for Soprano (solo or semichorus) and SATB, unaccompanied. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo and dynamics are marked 'p cantabile'. The score consists of six staves. The first staff is for the Solo voice, with lyrics: 'Sweet was the song the Vir - gin sang,'. The second staff is for the Soprano part, with lyrics: 'ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,'. The third staff is for the Alto part, with lyrics: '- by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,'. The fourth staff is for the Tenor part, with lyrics: 'ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,'. The fifth staff is for the Bass part, with lyrics: 'lul - - - la - by, lul-la - by, lul-la -'. The sixth staff is for the piano accompaniment, which is unaccompanied in this version. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Sweet was the song the Vir - gin sang,
ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,
- by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,
ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,
lul - - - la - by, lul-la - by, lul-la -

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SATB
unacc.

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for unaccompanied mixed choir

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Gently flowing ♩ = c.120

SOPRANO SOLO (or semichorus)

SOPRANO

pp sempre legato

Lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by

ALTO

pp sempre legato

Lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by, lul - la-

TENOR

pp sempre legato

Lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by

BASS

pp sempre legato

Lul - - la - by, lul-la - by, lul-la - by, _____

KEYBOARD (rehearsal only)

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Sweet was the song the Vir - gin sang,

ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,

- by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,

ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by,

lul - la-by, lul-la-by, lul-la-

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When she to Beth - le-hem in Ju - dah came.

lul - la-by ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by,

lul - la-by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by,

lul - la-by ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by,

- by, lul - la-by, lul-la-

And_ was de - li-ver'd of a son,

lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by, lul-la-by ba - by,

lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by, lul - la - by ba - by,

lul-la-by ba - by, lul - la-by ba - by

- by, lul-la-by, lul - la-by, lul - la - by,

mp **poco rit.** **a tempo**, *mf*

— That bles - sed Je - sus hath to name. Al - le - lu - ia,

lul - la-by, lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la-by. Al - le - lu - ia,

lul - la-by, lul - la - by, lul - la-by. Al - le - lu - ia,

lul - la-by, lul - la - by, lul - la-by. Al - le - lu - ia,

lul - la-by, lul - la - by, lul - la-by, Al - le -

p **poco rit.** **a tempo**, *mf*

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lul - la - by, al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by.

lul - la - by, al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by.

lul-la-by, lul - la-by, al - le - lu - ia, lul - la-by,

lul - la - by, al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by lul - la-by,

- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by.

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(optional until bar 50)

Sweet, sweet babe, sang she, my

Sweet, sweet babe, sang she, my

lul - la - by. Sweet, sweet babe, sang she, my

lul - la - by. Sweet, sweet babe, sang she, my

Sweet, sweet babe, sang she, my

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son, And yet a sa - viour, a sa - viour

son, And yet a sa - viour, a sa - viour

son, my son, And yet a sa - viour, a sa - viour

son, my son, And yet a sa - viour, a sa - viour

son, my son, And yet a sa - viour, and yet a

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born. Who hath vouch-saf-ed from on

born. Who hath vouch-saf-ed from on

born. Who hath vouch-saf-ed from on

born, and yet a sa - viour born. Who hath vouch-saf-ed from on

sa - viour, sa - viour born. Who hath vouch-saf-ed from on

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high To vis - it us that were for - lorn.

high To vis - it us that were for - lorn.

high, from on high To vis - it us that were for - lorn.

high, from on high To vis - it us that were, that were for - lorn.

high, To vis - it us that were for - lorn.

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(joining tutti)

mf Al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by, *p* al - le - lu - ia, lul - la -

mf Al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by, *p* al - le - lu - ia, lul - la -

mf Al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by, *p* al - le - lu - ia,

mf Al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by, *p* al - le - lu - ia, lul - la - by

mf Al - le - lu - ia, *p* al - le - lu - ia, lul - la -

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- by. *pp* lul - la - by, lul - la - by

lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la -

lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by

- by. lul - la - by, lul - la - by,

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SOLO (or semichorus)

p Sweet babe, *mp* sang

ba - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la - by,

- by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la - by,

ba - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la - by,

lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la -

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mp she; Sweet babe, sang she,

lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by,

lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by,

lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by,

by, lul - la - by, lul - la -

mp

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mp And_ rocked him sweet - ly on her knee.

lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by

lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by

lul - la - by, lul - la - by ba - by, lul - la - by, lul - la - by

- by, lul - la - by, lul - la -

p

p

Rocked him sweet-ly on her knee, _____

p

ba - by, Rocked him sweet-ly on her knee, _____

p

ba - by, Rocked him sweet-ly on her knee, _____ and

p

ba - by, Rocked him sweet-ly on her knee, _____ and

p

by, And_ rocked him sweet - ly, _____ and

rit.
pp

rocked him sweet - ly, rocked him sweet - ly on her

pp

rocked him sweet - ly, rocked him sweet - ly on her

pp

rocked him sweet - ly, rocked him sweet - ly on her knee.

pp

rocked him sweet - ly, rocked him sweet - ly on her knee. _

pp

rocked him sweet - ly on her

rit.
pp



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This colourful Christmas carol is an expressive portrait of the traditional Nativity scene. While the chorus sing an ostinato lullaby in the background, the solo soprano (or semichorus) sings reflectively in the foreground. Passages of gentle 'alleluias' make contrasting interludes for all voices together. The words are taken from the *Lute Book Lullaby* – a song with lute accompaniment from a collection made by William Ballet in the seventeenth century.

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