

for Alfred Ager

# The Virgin's Cradle Hymn

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EDMUND RUBBRA  
(Op. 3)

**Andante moderato (flowing)**  
*mp*

**SOPRANO**  
Dor - mi, Je - su! Ma - ter ri - det  
Sleep, sweet babe! my cares be - guil - ing:

**CONTRALTO**  
Dor - mi, Je - su! Ma - ter ri - det  
Sleep, sweet babe! my cares be - guil - ing:

**TENOR**  
Dor - mi, Je - su! Ma - ter ri - det  
Sleep, sweet babe! my cares be - guil - ing:

**BASS**  
Dor - mi, Je - su! Ma - ter ri - det  
Sleep, sweet babe! my cares be - guil - ing:

Quae tam dul - cem som - num vi - det, Dor - mi, Je - su!  
Mo - ther sits be - side thee smi - ling; Sleep, my dar - ling,

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Mo - ther sits be - side thee smi - ling; Sleep, my dar - ling,

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**rall.** **,mf a tempo**

Blan - du - le. Si non dor - mis,  
 ten - der - ly! If thou sleep not,

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ma - ter plor - at In - ter fil - a can - tans or - at,  
 mo - ther mourn - eth, Sing - ing as her wheel she turn - eth:

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**rall.**

Blan - de, ven - i, som - nu - le.  
 Come, soft slum - ber, balm - i - ly!

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