

# Sleep, Holy Child

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Orlando Gibbons *Song 46 (Drop slow tears)*

V.1, 2 Solo *mp* ; V.2 Choir hum.

1. Sleep, Ho - ly Child, on Mary's gentle breast; In comfort now to take Thine earth - ly rest.  
2. Sleep, Shepherd King, by lowly shepherds praised; The humble hearts to high - est heav'n are raised.

V.3 - 7 Choir harmony.

3. Sleep, Word of Life, made flesh to live as man; Now brought to us by Heaven's e - ter - nal plan.  
4. Sleep, great High Priest, come down from Heaven on high; As sa - cri - fice to su - ffer and to die.

NOTE Sing "Heaven" as "Hev'n", single syllable.

5. Sleep, Prince of Peace, now born to mor - tal strife; Through conflict, death, to give i - mmor - tal life.  
6. Sleep, King of Kings, in hu - man weakness now; Then tri - umph o - ver death and ev'r - y foe.

7. Sleep, Migh - ty God, Thy glo - ry now is veiled; That we might see that glo - ry un - con - cealed.

*ff* *dim* *cresc* *fff*

*ff* *dim* *mp* *cresc* *fff*

Solo *mp*

8. Sleep, Ho - ly Child, on Mary's gentle breast; Thy coming brings us to our heavenly rest.

NOTE Each verse should be sung in 2 complete phrases. Pace - about 30 seconds for each verse.