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SATB a cappella

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George Withers (1588 - 1667) adapted

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Gently, freely, unhurried and with expression

*mp*

Soprano  
Alto

Sweet ba-by sleep, what ails my dear? What ails my dar-ling

Ah.

Tenor  
Bass

*mp* (Stagger breathing until text)

4

thus to cry? Be still, my child, and lend thine

(Ah.)

8

ear to hear me sing thy lul-la-by.

(Ah.)

12 *p*

Sweet ba-by then, for-bear to weep be still my babe;  
Sweet ba-by, be still my babe;

*p*

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15 *rall.*  
*pp* *a tempo*  
*mp*

sweet ba-by sleep. When God with us was dwell-ing here, Ah.

*pp* *mp*  
(as before)

18

in lit-tle ba-bies he took de-light: such in-no-

(Ah.)

21

- cents as thou my dear, ev-er pre-cious

(Ah.)

26 *mp*

in his sight. Sweet ba-by then, for-bear to weep be still my babe;  
Sweet ba-by, be still my babe;

*mp*

30 *rall.* *pp* *a tempo* *mf*

(Stagger breathing until text)  
Ah. \_\_\_\_\_

sweet \_\_\_\_\_ ba-by sleep. The King\_of\_Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ since\_ he was born\_

*pp* *mf*

34 *mf*

(Ah.) \_\_\_\_\_

has\_ pur-chased wealth, \_\_\_\_\_ my babe\_ for\_ thee; \_\_\_\_\_ and by his tor - tures

*mf*

38

and his pain\_ thy rest\_ and\_ care \_\_\_\_\_ se - cur-ed be. \_\_\_\_\_

43 *mp* *rall.* *p*

Sweet ba-by then, for-bear to weep; be still my babe; sweet \_\_\_\_\_ ba - by sleep.

Sweet ba - by, be still my babe; sweet \_\_\_\_\_ ba - by sleep. *niente*

*mp* *p*