

# PERUSAL SCORE

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## SWEETLY SLEEPING

### A Christmas Carol

Text:

Verses: Sarah Teasdale (Poem: "Christmas Carol")

Refrains: Robinson McClellan

Music:

Robinson McClellan

Verse ♩ = 60  
(second repeat) (first repeat)

Recorder\*  
Soprano I, II  
Alto

*f* 1. The kings they came from  
3. The shep-herds came from

7  
out the south, All dressed in er - mine and fine, *mp* They  
out the north, Their coats were brown and old, *mp* They

11  
bore Him gold and chry - so - prase, And gifts of prec - ious  
brought Him lit - tle new - born lambs, They had not an - y

15 Refrain: slower ♩ = 54  
wine. *p* Now soft - ly, now soft - ly come, now soft - ly, soft - ly, go; O  
gold. *cresc.*

\* Or any other melody instrument.

Duration ca. 6 minutes with all verses.

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Rit.

Tempo I ♩ = 60

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see Him, see Him sleep-ing (1) might - y Mon - arch sweet - ly sleep - ing 2. The  
 mf (2) faith - ful Shep - herd, sweet - ly sleep - ing

dim.

**[Repeat instrumental intro]\***

3. The wise-men came from out the east,  
 And they were wrapped in white;  
 The star that led them all the way  
 Did glorify the night.

*Now softly, now softly come, now softly, softly, go;  
 O see Him, see Him sleeping, seat of wisdom, sweetly sleeping.*

4. The angels came from heaven high,  
 And they were clad with wings;  
 And lo, they brought a joyful song  
 The host of heaven sings.

*Now softly, now softly come, now softly, softly, go;  
 O see Him, see Him sleeping, Lord of angels, sweetly sleeping.*

**[Repeat instrumental intro]\***

5. The kings they knocked upon the door,  
 The wise-men entered in,  
 The shepherds followed after them  
 To hear the song begin.

*Now softly, now softly come, now softly, softly, go;  
 O see Him, see Him sleeping, Lord of all, sweetly sleeping.*

6. The angels sang thro' all the night  
 Until the rising sun,  
 But little Jesus fell asleep  
 Before the song was done.

*Now softly, now softly come, now softly, softly, go;  
 O see Him, see Him sleeping, little baby, sweetly sleeping.*

\* The instrumentalist may alter or rewrite these two introductions.