

The Nurse's Song

from *A Charm of Lullabies*

original key: a minor 3rd lower

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Andante piacevole

p senza misura

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for voice and piano, and the bottom staff is for piano. The vocal part starts with a dynamic **p** and no time signature, indicated by **senza misura**. The lyrics are:

Lull - a - by ba - by, Lull - a - by - la - by ba - by,

Thy nurse will tend thee as du - ly as may be. Lull - a - by

5 **a tempo** **molto espr.**

ba - by! Be still, my sweet sweet - ing, no long - er do

p express. **con Ped.**

cry; Sing lull - a - by ba - by, lull - a - by ba - by. —

pp dolce

The piano part features sustained notes and chords throughout the piece.

molto espr.

— Let dol - ours be fleet - ing, I fan - cy thee, I, _____ To

p espress. *cresc.*

più f

rock and to lull thee I will not de - lay me. Lull - a - by

più f

ba - by _____ Lull- a - by - la - by - la - by ba - by, _____

rapido

Thy nurse will tend thee as du - ly as may be lull - a - by - la -

mf

espress.

by - la - by ba - by The gods be thy shield and com - fort in

p *espress.*

più f

need! _____ The gods be thy shield and com - fort in need! _____

f appassionato

Sing lull - a - by ba - by _____ Lull - a - by - la - by

espress.

ba - by _____ They give thee good for - tune and well for to speed, And

f

this to de - sire — I will not de - lay me. This to de - desire — I
p

will not de - lay me.
più dim. *ppp*

pp *senza misura*
 Lull - a - by - ba - by lull - a - by - la - by ba - by, Thy nurse will tend thee as
dim. e rit.
 du - ly as may be. Lull - a - by - la - by - la - by - la - by ba - by.