

The Sun and the Moon

A Musical Fairy-Tale

For mixed voices a cappella

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Andantino (♩ = 56) *mf*

Soprani
Soft - ly o'er a ti - ny

Alti
p Soft - ly, — soft - ly falls — *simile*

Tenori
p Soft - ly, — soft - ly falls — *simile*

Bassi

①

cra - dle Falls the moon - beams' gold - en light.

the — moon - beams' — gold - en light. —

the — moon - beams' — gold - en light. —

② Says the child — in tim - id wond - er "Where - fore
 Says — the — child, — "Where - fore shines —
 Says — the — child, — "Where - fore shines —

④ *mf* shines the moon so bright?" Through the day — the
 the — moon so bright?" To — the
 the — moon so bright?" To — the
 Thus —

⑤ Sun grew wear - y; To him spake our Lord su -
 Sun — spake — our — Lord — su —
 Sun — spake our — Lord su -
 spake — our Lord — su - preme: —

6 *p*

preme: — "Rest and sleep;— and while thou

preme: — "Rest — and — slumb -

preme: "Rest — and — slumb -

— "Rest and sleep; — and all,

7 *rit.* 8 *pp a tempo*

sleep - est, All may slumb - er, all — may dream, —

er. — All — may *rit.* *a tempo* dream, — Ali — may

er, — slumb - er, — and all, — *rit.* *pp a tempo*

— All may slumb - er, all may dream, — *rit.* *pp a tempo*

molto rit. e smorzando

— all — may dream."

molto rit. e smorzando

slumb - er, all — may dream." —

molto rit. e smorzando

— all — may dream." —

molto rit. e smorzando

— all — may dream." —

9 *f a tempo* 10

Then the Sun be - sought his broth - er: "Broth - er Moon, with

f a tempo

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a tempo

a tempo

11

gold - en light, Rise, and take thy shin - ing lan - tern

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12 *p sostenuto* *p rit.* 13 *mf a tempo*

Guard the world through - out the night! Him that pray - eth,

p sostenuto *p rit.* *mf a tempo*

Through the night! Him that pray - eth,

p sostenuto *p rit.* *mf a tempo*

Guard the world through - out the night! Him that pray - eth,

rit. *mf a tempo*

Him that pray - eth,

14

him that weep-eth, Him that spoil-eth— oth - ers' rest,—

simile

him that weep-eth, Him that spoil-eth oth - ers' rest,—

simile

him that weep-eth, Him that spoil-eth oth - ers' rest,—

simile

him that weep-eth, Him that spoil-eth oth - ers' rest,—

15

Mark thou well; and on the— mor - row Bring me tid - ings

Mark well, and on the mor - row Bring tid - ings

Mark well, thou! Bring tid - ings.

Mark well, thou! Bring tid - ings.

16

Mark well, thou! Bring tid - ings.

Mark well, thou! Bring tid - ings.

17

of thy— quest?"

of thy— quest?"

p Bring me— tid - ings of thy— quest!"

p Bring me tid - ings of thy quest!"

18 *p* Sleeps the Sun. The Moon now roam - eth O'er the

19 *p* Moon now roam - eth O'er

p Moon now roam - eth O'er

20 earth from shore to shore. Then at earl - y

earth from shore to shore. At morn re -

earth from shore to shore. At morn re -

21 morn re - turn - ing, Knocks up - on his broth - er's door.

turn - ing, Knocks on broth - er's door.

turn - ing, Knocks on broth - er's door.

22 *f* Rap - rap - rap! The door flies — op - en. *mf* 23

"A - - - rise! — *mf*

Rap - rap - rap! — "A - - - rise! — *mf*

Rap - rap - rap! The door flies op - en. *mf*

Rap - rap - rap! — "A - - - rise!" — *mf*

24

"Wake thee, — Broth - er! Leave thy — cell! Cocks are crow - ing,

"Now — leave — thy — cell! — Cocks —

"Now — leave — thy — cell! — Cocks —

"Now — leave — thy — cell! — Cocks —

25

rooks are fly - ing; Hark - en — to the mat - in

now — crow, — rooks — now — fly; —

now — crow, — rooks — now — fly; —

now — crow, — rooks — now — fly; —

(26)

bell!"

f Hark - en to the mer - ry mat - in bell, the

f Hark - en to the mer - ry mat - in bell, the

f Hark - en to the mat - in bell!

(27)

the bell!

bell!

mer - ry mat - in bell, the mer - ry

mer - ry mat - in bell!

mat - - - in bell!

mat - - - in bell, the mer - ry

(28)

f Wak - ens now the Sun, and greets him: "Hail thee,

poco meno f mat - in bell, Hark,

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poco meno f mat - in bell, Hark,

(29)

30

lit - tle Broth - er - mine! Pale thou seem - est: what be -
 the mer - ry mat - - - in bell! -
 lit - tle Broth - er - mine! Pale thou seem - est: what be -
 the mer - ry mat - - - in.

31

mf
 fell - thee? Why so faint - ly dost thou shine?"
 Why so faint - ly dost thou shine?" Why -
 fell - thee? Why so faint - ly dost thou shine?" Why -
pp

32

so faint - ly?"
 so faint - ly?"
mf
 "Why - so faint - ly dost thou shine?"

33 *p* Now the Moon be - gins his stor - y, Tells of

Now the Moon be - gins his stor - y, Tells of

Now the Moon be - gins his stor - y, Tells of

p Moon — tells of

35 ev - 'ry girl and boy. If he brings but

ev - 'ry girl and boy. If he brings but

girl and boy. If he brings but

girl and boy. Brings but

36 *poco più f* pleas - ant tid - ings, Then the Sun sets forth in

poco più f pleas - ant tid - ings, Then the Sun sets forth in

poco più f pleas - ant tid - ings, Then the Sun sets forth in

poco più f Good tid - ings, The Sun sets forth in

37 *sordo*

joy. — But if not, he ris - es

joy. — But if not, — he ris - es

joy. — But if not, he ris - es

joy. — But if not, — he ris - es

38 *rit.*

sad - ly; Winds will blow and rain will fall. —

sad - ly; Winds will blow and rain will fall. —

sad - ly; Winds will blow and rain will fall.

sad - ly; Winds will blow and rain will fall. —

39 *mf a tempo*

With their nurse — in - to the gard - en

mf a tempo
In - to the gard - - - en

mf a tempo
With their nurse in - to the gard - en

mf a tempo
In the gard - en

40 *rit.*

Chil - dren can - not go at all, no,

Chil - dren can - not go at all, no,

Chil - dren can - not go at all, no,

Chil - dren can - not go at all, no,

41 *Poco più lento*

not at all. "Rest and

not at all. *p legato* "Rest and

not at all. *p legato* "Rest and

not at all. "Rest and sleep;— and

not at all. "Rest!

42

sleep; and while thou sleep - est,

sleep; and while thou sleep - est, All may slumb - er,

sleep; and while thou sleep - est, All may slumb - er,

while thou sleep - est,

Sleep!—

poco a poco smorzando al Fine **pp** (43)

All — may slumb - er,

poco a poco smorzando al Fine

All may dream,

poco a poco smorzando al Fine

All may dream, all,

poco a poco smorzando al Fine **pp**

All — may slumb - er,

(44) *molt rit.*

all — may dream.

molto rit.

all, All may slumb-er, all may

may

molto rit.

All may slumb-er, all may

molto rit.

all, All may slumb-er, all may

(45) *ppp* *lento*

All may dream."

ppp

dream, All may dream."

dream,

ppp *lento*

dream, may dream."

ppp

dream, may dream."

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Softly o'er a tiny cradle
 Falls the moonbeams' golden light.
 Says the child in timid wonder,
 "Wherefore shines the moon so bright?"

Through the day the Sun grew weary;
 To him spake our Lord supreme:
 "Rest and sleep; and while thou sleepest,
 All may slumber, all may dream."

Then the Sun besought his brother:
 "Brother Moon, with golden light,
 Rise, and take thy shining lantern,
 Guard the world throughout the night!

"Him that prayeth, him that weepeth,
 Him that spoileth others' rest
 Mark thou well; and on the morrow
 Bring me tidings of thy quest!"

Sleeps the Sun. The Moon now roameth
 O'er the earth from shore to shore.
 Then at early morn returning,
 Knocks upon his brother's door.

Rap-rap-rap! The door flies open.
 "Wake thee, Brother! Leave thy cell!
 Cocks are crowing, rooks are flying;
 Harken to the matin bell!"

Wakens now the Sun, and greets him:
 "Hail thee, little Brother mine!"
 Pale thou seemest: what befell thee?
 Why so faintly dost thou shine?"

Now the Moon begins his story,
 Tells of every girl and boy.
 If he brings but pleasant tidings,
 Then the Sun sets forth in joy.

But if not, he rises sadly;
 Winds will blow and rain will fall.
 With their nurse into the garden
 Children can not go at all.

"Rest and sleep; and while thou sleepest
 All may slumber, all may dream."

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