

**Alastair Boyd**

**Softly the Night Is Sleeping**

a Christmas carol  
for treble voices and piano

words from a poem by  
E. A. Washburn (1819-1881)

# Softly the Night Is Sleeping

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Moderato ♩ = 108

Soprano

Alto

Piano

*mp*

*rit.*

*ped.* \* *ped.* \* *ped.* \* *ped.* \*

S

A

*mp*

5

Soft-ly the night is slee - ping on Beth - le - hem's peace - ful

*a tempo (a little faster)*

5

*p* *mp*

*ped.* \* *ped.* \*

10

S

hill; Si - lent the shep - herds watch - ing, the gen - tle flocks are still. But

15

S

hark! The won - drous mu - sic falls from the op' - ning

*leggiero*

3 3 3

Ped. \* Ped. \* 3 3

18

S

sky; Val - ley and cliff re - e - cho,

3 3 3 3 3 3

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21

S

Glo - ry to God on high! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to

A

Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to

21

25

S

God! It rings a - gain, Peace on the earth! Good will to men! —

A

God! It rings a - gain, Peace on the earth! Good will to men! —

25

mp

29

S

A

*mp*

rit. *a tempo*

29

*mp*

And. \*

Come with the glad-some shep - herds, quick hast-en-ing from the fold;

34

A

34

come with the Wise Men, pour - ing in-cense and myrrh and gold.

38

A

38

*mp*

Come to him poor and low - ly, a - round the cra - dle throng;

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42

S *mf*

A *mf*

come with your hearts of sun - shine, and sing the an - gels' song. Glo - ry to

46

S *f*

A *f*

God! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! It rings a - gain, Peace on the

God! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! It rings a - gain, Peace on the

50

S  
earth! Good will to men!

A  
earth! Good will to men!

*a little slower*

*p*

*Red.* \*

53

S

A

*rit.*

*pp*

*Red.* \*

*Red.*