

Written and dedicated to the
Varsity Treble choir at North Richland Middle School,
Lorelai Cole and Leslie Detrick, directors, for their performance at the
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(1832-1911)

Rock Me to Sleep

Andrew Steffen

SSA with djembe and piano

With memorable excitement, ♩ = 120

Djembe



Piano



With memorable excitement, ♩ = 120

S 1

mf Unis. *consonant energy*

Back - ward, turn back - ward, O Time, in your flight, make me a child a - gain just for to - night!

Pno.



S 1

Mo - ther, come back from the ec - ho - less shore, Take me a - gain to your

Pno.



2
12

S 1

heart as of yore; Kiss from my fore - head the fur - rows of care,

Pno.

15

S 1

smooth the few sil - ver threads out of my hair; o - ver my slum - bers your lov - ing watch

S 2

o - ver my slum - bers your lov - ing watch

A

o - ver my slum - bers your lov - ing watch

15

Pno.

19

S 1

keep; *f* Rock me to sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

S 2

keep; *f* Rock me to sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

A

keep; *f* Rock me to sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

19

Pno.

22

S 1
Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

S 2
Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

A
Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me — to sleep!

22

mf

Pno.

22

mf

26

S 1
mf
Back - ward, flow back - ward, O tide of — the years!

S 2
mf
Back - ward, flow back - ward, O tide of — the years!

A
mf
Back - ward, flow back - ward, O tide of — the years!

26

Pno.

26

30

S 1 I am so wea - ry of toil and of tears, Toil with - out pay - ment and tears all in vain,

S 2 I am so wea - ry of toil and of tears, Toil with - out pay - ment and tears all in vain,

A I am so wea - ry of toil and of tears, Toil with - out pay - ment and tears all in vain,

30

Pno.

34

S 1 take them, and give me my child - hood a - gain! I have grown wea - ry of

S 2 take them, and give me my child - hood a - gain! I have grown wea - ry of

A take them, and give me my child - hood a - gain! I have grown wea - ry of

34

Pno.

37

S 1
dust and de - cay, — wea - ry — of fling - ing — my soul - wealth a - way;

S 2
dust and de - cay, — wea - ry — of fling - ing — my soul - wealth a - way;

A
dust and de - cay, — wea - ry — of fling - ing — my soul - wealth a - way;

Pno.

40

S 1
wea - ry of — sow - ing — for o - thers to reap; *f* Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther

S 2
wea - ry of — sow - ing — for o - thers to reap; *f* Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther

A
wea - ry of — sow - ing — for o - thers to reap; *f* Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther

Pno.

44

S 1
rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther

S 2
rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther

A
rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther

44

Pno.

48

S 1
rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

S 2
rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

A
rock me to ___ sleep! Rock me to ___ sleep, mo - ther rock me to sleep!

48

Pno.

Slower, with sentiment, ♩ = 86

52 **rall.** *p*

S 1

S 2

A

Mm

p

Mm

mp

Mo-ther, dear mo-ther, the years have been long since I last lis - tened your lul - la - by song:

52 **rall.** *p*

Slower, with sentiment, ♩ = 86

Pno.

rall.

p

pedal with harmonic progression

57

S 1

S 2

A

mp

Sing, then, and un - to my soul it shall seem wo - man - hood's years have been on - ly a dream.

57

Pno.

61 *mf*

S 1 Clasp'd to you — heart in — a lov-ing em - brace, with your light la - shes — just sweep-ing — my face, ne-ver here - af - ter — to

S 2 *mf* Clasp'd to you — heart in — a lov-ing em - brace, with your light la - shes — just sweep-ing — my face, ne-ver here - af - ter — to

A *mf* Clasp'd to you — heart in — a lov-ing em - brace, with your light la - shes — just sweep-ing — my face, ne-ver here - af - ter — to

61

Pno. *mf*

66 *p*

S 1 wake or — to weep; *p*

S 2 wake or — to weep; *p*

A *mp* wake or — to weep; Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me to — sleep! —

66

Pno. *p*

a tempo

f

S 1
O — Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me to — sleep!

S 2
O — Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me to — sleep!

A
Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me to — sleep! O Rock me to — sleep, mo - ther rock me to — sleep!

f

a tempo

Pno.

ff

S 1
Rock me to — sleep, — mo - ther rock me to — sleep! — Rock me to — sleep, — mo - ther

S 2
Rock me to — sleep, — mo - ther rock me to — sleep! — Rock me to — sleep, — mo - ther

A
Rock me to — sleep, — mo - ther rock me to — sleep! — Rock me to — sleep, — mo - ther

ff

Pno.

77

S 1
rock me to ___ sleep! ___ Rock me to ___ sleep, ___ mo - ther rock me to

S 2
rock me to ___ sleep! ___ Rock me to ___ sleep, ___ mo - ther rock me to

A
rock me to ___ sleep! ___ Rock me to ___ sleep, ___ mo - ther rock me ___ to

77

Pno.

80

S 1
sleep, , rock ___ me ___ to ___ sleep, ,

S 2
sleep, , rock ___ me ___ to ___ sleep, ,

A
sleep, , rock ___ me ___ to ___ sleep, ,

80

Pno.