

Gartan Mother's Lullaby

Traditional Irish

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Placido (♩ = 120)

Sleep, oh babe, for the red bee hums, The si-lent twi-lights fall,

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The first system of musical notation for the lullaby. It consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked 'Placido' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The lyrics are 'Sleep, oh babe, for the red bee hums, The si-lent twi-lights fall,'. The piano part begins with a piano (*pp*) dynamic and features a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Aoi - bheall from the grey rock comes To wrap the world in thrall. — A
Ee - val A -

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'Aoi - bheall from the grey rock comes To wrap the world in thrall. — A' and 'Ee - val A -'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure.

lean - bhan O, — my child, my joy, My love and heart's de - sire, — The
lin - vee - doo

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'lean - bhan O, — my child, my joy, My love and heart's de - sire, — The' and 'lin - vee - doo'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure.

cric - kets sing you lul-la - by Be - side the dy-ing fire.

The fourth system of musical notation. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics 'cric - kets sing you lul-la - by Be - side the dy-ing fire.' The piano accompaniment concludes with the same harmonic structure.

Dusk is drawn and the Green Man's thorn Is wreathed in rings of fog.

Siob - hra sails his boat till morn Up - on the star - ry bog. — A lean - bhan O, — the
Sheev - ra *A - lin - vee - doo*

pa - ley moon Hath brimmed her cusp in dew, — And weeps to hear the

sad, sweet tune I sing, my love, to you.

*Aoibheall, the Green Man and Siobra are fairies in Irish legend.
 "A leanbhan O" translates as "Ah, little child".*