

Sir Joseph Barnby
(1838–1896)

Sweet and Low
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Sweet and low, sweet and low
Wind of the western sea,
Low, low, breathe and blow,
Wind of the western sea!
Over the rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon, and blow,
Blow him again to me,
While my little one, while my pretty one, sleeps.

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest,
Father will come to thee soon;
Rest, rest, on mother's breast,
Father will come to thee soon;
Father will come to his babe in the nest,
Silver sails all out of the west
Under the silver moon!
Sleep my little one, sleep my pretty one, sleep.

— Alfred Tennyson (1809–1892)

Larghetto, ♩ = 100

p *mp*

Soprano

Sweet and low, sweet and low, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Sleep and rest, sleep and rest, Fa - ther will come to thee soon,

Alto

Sweet and low, sweet and low, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Sleep and rest, sleep and rest, Fa - ther will come to thee soon,

Tenor

Sweet and low, sweet and low, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Sleep and rest, sleep and rest, Fa - ther will come to thee soon,

Bass

Sweet and low, sweet and low, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Sleep and rest, sleep and rest, Fa - ther will come to thee soon,

5 *p* *sfz* *mp*

S.

Low, low, breathe and blow, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Rest, rest, on mo - ther's breast, Fa - ther will come to thee soon;

A.

Low, low, breathe and blow, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Rest, rest, on mo - ther's breast, Fa - ther will come to thee soon,

T.

Low, low, breathe and blow, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Rest, rest, on mo - ther's breast, Fa - ther will come to thee soon,

B.

Low, low, breathe and blow, Wind of the west - ern sea,
Rest, rest, on mo - ther's breast, Fa - ther will come to thee soon,

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mp *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

S. O - ver the roll - ing wa - ters go, Come from the dy - ing moon and blow,
Fa - ther will come to his babe in the nest, Sil - ver sails all out of the west,

mp *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

A. O - ver the wa - ters go, Come from the moon and blow,
Fa - ther will come to the nest,* Sil - ver sails all out of the west,

mp *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

T. O - ver the roll - ing wa - ters go, Come from the dy - ing moon and blow,
Fa - ther will come to his babe in the nest, Sil - ver sails all out of the west,

mp *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

B. O - ver the roll - ing wa - ters go, Come from the moon and blow,
Fa - ther will come to his babe in the nest, Sil - ver sails all out of the west,

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rall. *f* *mp* *(pp)*

S. Blow him a - gain to me, While my lit - tle one, while my pret - ty one sleeps.
Un - der the sil - ver moon: Sleep, my lit - tle one, sleep, my pret - ty one, sleep.

f *mp* *(pp)*

A. Blow him a - gain to me, While my lit - tle one, while my pret - ty one sleeps.
Un - der the sil - ver moon: Sleep, my lit - tle one, sleep, my pret - ty one, sleep.

f *mp* *(pp)*

T. Blow him a - gain to me, While my lit - tle one, while my pret - ty one sleeps.
Un - der the sil - ver moon: Sleep, my lit - tle one, sleep, my pret - ty one, sleep.

f *mp* *(pp)*

B. Blow him a - gain to me, While my lit - tle one, while my pret - ty one sleeps.
Un - der the sil - ver moon: Sleep, my lit - tle one, sleep, my pret - ty one, sleep.

* originally "come to his babe"