

# The Christ Child's Asleep

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**Solo**  
*mp*

The Christ child's a sleep. The si-lence is so deep That  
round a-bout, with hope in their eyes, The an-i-mals a - wait, Their  
breath-ing they a - bate: They know their time has come to a - rise.

**Duet**  
*mf*

For Je-sus came on earth To of-fer sec - ond birth To

S  
A  
T  
B

Mm

22 E B E

Duet

all who would the bless-ing re - ceive. The in-ner peace he brings Can

S

A

T 22 8

B 22

33 E

Duet

S *mf* E B/D# A/G# B E

Our pleas-ures and pains, Our loss - es, our gains Have kept us long

A *mf*

Our pleas-ures and pains, Our loss - es, our gains Have kept us long

T 33 8 *mf*

Our pleas-ures and pains, Our loss - es, our gains Have kept us long

B 33 *mf*

Our pleas-ures and pains, Our loss - es, our gains Have kept us long

39 G#m F#m B E

S bound, The ropes of yearn - ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im -

A bound, The ropes of yearn - ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im -

T 39 8 bound, The ropes of yearn - ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im -

B 39 bound, The ropes of yearn - ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im -

43 G#m A B G#m A

S pos - ing on des - ert sand Flow - er gar - dens of beau - ty, Ver - dant

A pos - ing on des - ert sand Flow - er gar - dens of beau - ty, Ver - dant

T 43 8 pos - ing on des - ert sand Flow - er gar - dens of beau - ty, Ver - dant

B 43 pos - ing on des - ert sand Flow - er gar - dens of beau - ty, Ver - dant

48 B7 C#m E/G# F#m/A E

S vales of de - light: I - mag - i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

A vales of de - light: I - mag - i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

T 48 8 vales of de - light: I - mag - i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

B 48 vales of de - light: I - mag - i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

53

S — The free - dom we would know Christ of - fered long a go, And

A — The free - dom we would know Christ of - fered long a - go, And

T 53  
8 — The free - dom we would know Christ of - fered long a go, And

B 53 — The free - dom we would know Christ of - fered long a - go, And

E B/D# A/C# F#m

58

S e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All

A e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All

T 58  
8 e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All

B 58 e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All

E G#m F#m/A B

62 E B/D# A/C# Am/C

S  
crea-tures here on earth, A - live to their own worth, Can

A  
crea-tures here on earth, A - live to their own worth, Can

T  
62  
8  
crea-tures here on earth, A - live to their own worth, Can

B  
62  
crea-tures here on earth, A - live to their own worth, Can

66 E/B B/C A E

S  
wel-come love, and win their re - lease.

A  
wel-come love, and win their re - lease.

T  
66  
8  
wel-come love, and win their re - lease. The

B  
66  
wel-come love, and win their re - lease. *mp* The

All men 72 E *mp* B

Christ child's a - sleep. The si-lence is so deep That

76 E B E

round a - bout with hope in their eyes, The an - i - mals a -

81 B E

Men wait, Their breath-ing they a - bate: They know their time has

85 E B

S For Je-sus came on earth To of-fer sec - ond birth To

A For Je-sus came on earth To of-fer sec - ond birth To

85 B E Men come to a - rise. For Je-sus came on earth To of-fer sec - ond birth To

92 E B E

S all who would the bless - ing re - ceive. The in - ner peace he

A all who would the bless - ing re - ceive. The in - ner peace he

92 Men all who would the bless - ing re - ceive. The in - ner peace he

97 B E B

S brings Can lift us on soul wings To soar in light, and heav - en per -

A brings Can lift us on soul wings To soar in light, and heav - en per -

97 Men brings Can lift us on soul wings To soar in light, and heav - en per -

102 E *mf* E B/D# A/G# B

S ceive. Our *mf* pleas-ures and pains, Our loss-es, our gains Have

A ceive. Our *mf* pleas-ures and pains, Our loss-es, our gains Have

T 102 8 ceive. Our *mf* pleas-ures and pains, Our loss-es, our gains Have

B 102 ceive. Our *mf* pleas-ures and pains, Our loss-es, our gains Have

108 E G#m F#m B E

S kept us long bound, The ropes of yearn-ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im-

A kept us long bound, The ropes of yearn-ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im-

T 108 8 kept us long bound, The ropes of yearn-ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im-

B 108 kept us long bound, The ropes of yearn-ing hemmed us 'round. We dreamed of im-

113 G#m A B G#m A

S pos-ing on des-ert sand Flow-er gar-dens of beau-ty, Ver-dant

A pos-ing on des-ert sand Flow-er gar-dens of beau-ty, Ver-dant

T 113 8 pos-ing on des-ert sand Flow-er gar-dens of beau-ty, Ver-dant

B 113 pos-ing on des-ert sand Flow-er gar-dens of beau-ty, Ver-dant

118 B7 C#m E/G# F#m/A E

S vales of de - light: I - mag-i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

A vales of de - light: I - mag-i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

T 118 vales of de - light: I - mag-i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

B 118 vales of de - light: I - mag-i - na - tion mist - ed our sight!\_\_\_\_\_

123 E B/D# A/C# F#m

S — The free-dom we would know Christ of - fered long a - go, And

A — The free-dom we would know Christ of - fered long a - go, And

T 123 — The free-dom we would know Christ of - fered long a go, And

B 123 — The free-dom we would know Christ of - fered long a - go, And

128 E G#m F#m/A B E

S e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All crea - tures here on

A e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All crea - tures here on

T 128 e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All crea - tures here on

B 128 e - ven from his slum - ber flows peace. All crea - tures here on

133 B/D# A/C# Am/C E/B B/C

S earth, A - live to their own worth, Can wel-come love, and win\_\_\_ their re -

A earth, A - live to their own worth, Can wel-come love, and win - their re -

T 133 8 earth, A - live to their own worth, Can wel-come love, and win\_\_\_ their re -

B 133 earth, A - live to their own worth, Can wel-come love, and win their re -

138 A E *pp* E *A cappella, hushed* B/D# A/C#

S lease. The *pp* Christ\_\_ child's a sleep. The si-lence is so

A lease. The *pp* Christ\_\_ child's a sleep. The si-lence is so

T 138 8 lease. The *pp* Christ child's a sleep. The si-lence is so

B 138 lease. The Christ child's a sleep. The si-lence is so

143 F#m E G#m F#m/A B

S deep That round a-bout, with hope in their eyes, The

A deep That round a-bout, with hope in their eyes, The

T 143 8 deep That round a-bout, with hope in their eyes, The

B deep That round a-bout, with hope in their eyes, The

148 E B/D# A/C# Am/C

S an - i - mals a - wait, Their breath - ing they a - bate: They

A an - i - mals a - wait, Their breath - ing they a - bate: They

T 148 8 an - i - mals a - wait, Their breath - ing they a - bate: They

B 148 an - i - mals a - wait, Their breath - ing they a - bate: They

152 E/B B/C A E

S know their time has come to a - rise.

A know their time has come to a - rise.

T 152 8 know their time has come to a - rise.

B 152 know their time has come to a - rise.

## **The Christ Child's Asleep** *(2x plus last verse)*

*1st time: solo* | *2nd time: Men melody mp* | *last: tutti pp*

The Christ child's asleep.

The silence is so deep **(no breath)** That round about, with hope in their eyes,

The animals await,

Their breathing they abate:

They know their time has come to arise.

*1st time: Duet (choir on ooohs)* | *2nd time: choir mp*

For Jesus came on earth

To offer second birth **(no breath)** To all who would the blessing receive.

The inner peace he brings **(no breath)** Can lift us on soul-wings

To soar in light, and heaven perceive.

*Choir mf*

Our pleasures and pains,

Our losses, our gains **(no breath)** Have kept us long bound,

The ropes of yearning hemmed us 'round.

We dreamed of imposing on desert sand **(no breath)** Flower gardens of beauty,

Verdant vales of delight:

Imagination misted our sight!

The freedom we would know **(no breath)** Christ offered long ago,

And even from his slumber flows peace.

All creatures here on earth,

Alive to their own worth,

Can welcome love, and win their release.

*1st time: 6 & 5 count 2nd time: 3 & 2 count*

*This piece is sung twice through, plus 1st verse*