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There was sweet music

carol for unaccompanied mixed voices

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Text

*Lullay, lullay my dear son,
Lullay, lullay my sweeting,
My own dear dearing.*

I saw a maiden sitting and sing,
She lulled her child, a little lording.

This very Lord, he made all things,
And this very God, the King of all kings.

There was sweet music at this child's birth,
And heaven filled with angels, making much mirth.

Heaven's angels sang to welcome the child
Now born of a maid, all undefiled.

Pray we and sing on this festal day,
That peace may dwell with us alway.

Words, 15th century

About the work

Composed in 2019, this work for unaccompanied four-part choir is a setting of the 15th century carol more commonly known as *I saw a maiden sitting and sing* (Sloan Manuscript, British Library 2593). Whilst continuing the tradition of a gentle mother's lullaby, this setting also focuses on the 'sweet music' of the angels celebrating the Holy Birth.

Duration: 4 minutes, 30 seconds

Also available by Richard Lambert

Away in a manger
carol for unison voices and piano or mixed voices (SATB) with or without organ,
words anonymous, 19th century

Hodie Christus natus est
motet for unaccompanied mixed voices (SSATB),
words in Latin of an Antiphon at Christmas Day Vespers, paraphrase of Luke 2.11, 13-14

O magnum mysterium
motet for unaccompanied mixed voices (SSATB),
words in Latin of the Matin Responsory for Christmas Day

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15th century English

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SOPRANO

ALTO *p*
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay my dear son, _____

TENOR *p*
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay, _____ lul - lay, _____

BASS *p*
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay my dear son, _____

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4 *mp*
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay my dear son, _____ My sweet - ing.

p
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay my sweet ing, _____ My own dear

p
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay, _____ lul - lay, _____ My own dear

p
Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay my sweet - ing, _____ My own dear

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8 *mp* I saw a maid - en sit-ting and

pp dear - ing. Lul - lay.

pp dear - ing. Lul - lay.

pp dear - - ing. Lul - lay.

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12 sing, She lull'd her child, a lit - tle

p Lul - lay, lul - lay my dear son.

p Lul - lay, lul - lay, lul - lay.

p Lul - lay, lul - lay my dear son,

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mp

lord - ing. _____ Lul - lay, _____ lul -

p

Lul - lay, lul-lay my dear son, _____ Lul - lay, _____ lul-lay my

p

Lul - lay, lul-lay, _____ Lul - lay, _____ lul - lay, _____

p

Lul - lay, lul-lay my dear son, _____ Lul - lay, _____ lul-lay my

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- lay my dear son, _____ My sweet - ing, _____ my sweet - ing.

mp

sweet - ing, _____ My own dear dear - ing. _____ This

p

_____ lul-lay, _____ My own dear dear - ing. _____

sweet - ing, _____ My dear son, my sweet - - ing. _____

