

My Precious Sleep

Poem by the composer

for Baritone and Bass, Soloists or Chorus
dedicated to my aunt, Catherine Barbra Oliva (1948-2015)

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Allegretto

Bar. *mp*

My pre-cious sleep why do you e - vade me when soon the morn - ing star

Bass *mp*

My sleep e - vades me when soon the morn-ing

6 *mf*

will bright-ly shine in the east? My pre-cious sleep you must come back to me

mf

star will shine in the east My pre - cious sleep you must come

12 *p*

if on - ly for a while I in-deed must sleep A soft pil - low

p

back to me if on - ly for a while I must sleep pil - low

19 *mp*

with heav-y eyes I have yet sleep is far be - yond my mind's de mands

mp

I have yet far be - yond my mind's de- mands

25 *mf*

but rath - er thoughts fade in and out for - e - ver rath-er thoughts fade

mf

thoughts fade in and out for - e - ver thoughts fade

30 *f* in and out for - e - ver_ rath - er thoughts fade in and
 in out rath-er thoughts fade in and out_ rath-er thoughts fade

34 *p* out_ for - e - ver like the chang-ing o-cean tides_
mp in and out_ for - e - ver_ the chang - ing o - cean_ tides

39 *mf* move and stir_ move and stir_ move and stir sleep e -
f move and_ stir move and_ stir move and stir My pre-cious sleep why do you e-

45 vades me soon the morn-ing star will shine in the east
 vade_ me when soon_ the morn - ing star will bright-ly shine in the east?

51 *mf* My pre - cious sleep you must come back to me if on - ly
mf My pre-cious sleep you must come back to me if on - ly for_ a while_

56 *mf* 3

for a while_ I must_ sleep The_ dark - ness of the night_____ does_

I_ in-deed must sleep_____ dark-ness of the night

63 *mp*

co - ver_____ co-ver all_____ veil that soft -

co - ver all_____ A_ tran - quil veil that soft - ens_

70 *mf*

ens soft - ens wall eve - ry wall not a

— veil that soft - ens_ eve-ry wall_ eve - ry wall_

77 *f*

howl nor_ peep can be heard can be heard to-night Si-lence sings her song_

mf not a howl_ nor a peep can be heard to - night_ Si-lence sings her

83 *ff*

Si-lence sings her song_ sings her song_ sooth - ing - ly I_ sigh_

song_ Si-lence sings her song her song_ sooth - ing - ly I sigh

4 88 *p* *mp*

I sigh My pre-cious sleep why do you e - vade me

I sigh I sigh

94 *mf*

when soon the morn-ing star will bright-ly shine in the east? My pre-cious

mp

morn - (ing) star will shine in the east

100 *mf*

sleep you must come back to me if on - ly

My pre - cious sleep you must come back to me

103 *pp*

for a while I in-deed must sleep

pp

if on - ly for a while I must sleep

My precious sleep why do you evade me
 When soon the morning star will brightly shine in the east?
 My precious sleep you must come back to me
 If only for a while I indeed must sleep
 A soft pillow with heavy eyes I have
 Yet sleep is far beyond my mind's demands
 Rather thoughts fade in and out forever
 Like the changing ocean tides move and stir
 The darkness of the night does cover all
 A tranquil veil that softens every wall
 Not a howl nor peep can be heard tonight
 Silence sings her song soothingly, I sigh