

# Wither's Rocking Hymn

*George Wither (1641) / R. Vaughan Williams*

1. Sweet ba -by, sleep! What ails my dear? What ails my  
2. Whilst thus thy lul - - la - by I sing, For thee great

dar - ling thus to cry? Be still, my child, and lend thine  
bless - ings ripe - ning be; Thine el - dest bro - ther is a

ear To hear\_\_ me sing\_\_ thy lul - - la - by.  
King. And hath\_\_ a king - - dom bought\_ for thee.

My pret - ty lamb, for bear \_\_\_\_\_ to weep;  
Sweet ba - by, then, for - bear \_\_\_\_\_ to weep;

Sweet \_\_\_\_\_ ba - - - - - by,

Be still, my dear; sweet ba - - by, sleep.

sleep! \_\_\_\_\_ Sleep ba - - by, sleep.

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