

Lord Alfred Tennyson  
(1809-1892)

# Cradle Song

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Soprano

Alto

Piano

*mf*

*mf*

5 *mf*

What does lit - tle bir - die say In her nest at peep of day?

What does lit - tle bir - die say In her nest at peep of day? —

9 *f*

Let me fly, — says lit - tle bir - die, Mo - ther, let me fly — a - way.

Let me fly, — says lit - tle bir - die, Mo - ther, let me fly — a - way.

14

Mo - ther, let me fly — a - way.

Mo - ther, let me fly — a - way.

14

*dim.*

19

*mf*

Bir - die, rest a lit - tle long - er, Till thy lit-tle

*mf*

Bir - die, rest a lit - tle long - er, Till thy lit-tle

19

*rall. . . . .* *a tempo*

*mf*

23

*f* wings are strong - er. *mp* So she rests a lit - tle long - er,

*f* wings are strong - er. *mp* So she rests a lit - tle long - er,

23

*f* *mp*

28 *mf* *cresc.* *f*  
 Then she flies a -  
 Then she flies a -  
*mf* *cresc.* *f*  
*mf* *cresc.* *f*

32 *mf*  
 way. What does lit - tle  
 way. What does lit - tle  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*dim.* *mf*

37  
 ba - by say, In her bed at peep of day? Ba - by says, like lit - tle bir - die,  
 ba - by say, In her bed at peep of day? Ba - by says, like lit - tle bir - die,  
 37

42 *mf* *f* *rall. . . . .*

Let me rise and fly a - way. Let me rise and fly a -

*mf* *f* *rall. . . . .*

Let me rise and fly a - way. Let me rise and fly a -

47 *a tempo ff* *mp slower*

way. Ba - by, sleep a

*a tempo ff* *mp slower*

way. Ba - by, sleep a

52 *cresc.* *f*

lit - tle long - er. Till thy lit - tle limbs are strong - - -

*cresc.* *f*

lit - tle long - er. Till thy lit - tle limbs are strong - - -

52 *cresc.* *f*

56 *mf*

er. If she sleeps a lit - tle long - er, Ba - by too shall

*mf*

er. If she sleeps a lit - tle long - er, Ba - by too shall

56 *mf*

60 *cresc.* *rit.* *f* *a tempo*

fly a way.

*cresc.* *rit.* *f* *a tempo*

fly a - way.

60 *cresc.* *rit.* *f* *a tempo*

64 *p*

*p*

64 *p* *pp*