



Cradle Song

Theodore F. Seward
(1835-1902)

Theodore Frelinghuysen Seward (1835-1902) was born in Florida, Orange County, New York, second cousin of U. S. Secretary of State, Senator, and NY Governor William H. Seward. He studied music under Lowell Mason and Thomas Hastings. He held organist positions in New London, Connecticut, and in Rochester, New York, before moving to New York City. His wife was a well known poet and activist Mary Holden Coggeshall Seward. He managed performances of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, wrote down more than one hundred of their plantation melodies, and toured Europe with them. He became interested in the British system of musical instruction and worked to establish the Tonic sol-fa system in the U.S. He wrote and lectured on the subject, taught the system in classes and public schools, and prepared a series of textbooks. He was the founder of the American tonic sol-fa Association, and of the American vocal music association. He also founded the Brotherhood of Christian Unity and the Don't Worry Club. He died in East Orange, New Jersey.

Sleep, baby, sleep!
Thy father watches the sheep:
Thy mother is shaking the dreamland tree,
And down falls a little dream on thee;
Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby, sleep!
The large stars are the sheep;
The little stars are the lambs, I guess,
The fair moon is the shepherdess;
Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby, sleep!
And cry not like a sheep;
Else will the sheepdog bark and whine,
And bite this naughty child of mine;
Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby, sleep!
Away! and tend the sheep—
Away, thou black dog, fierce and wild,
And do not wake my little child!
Sleep, baby, sleep!

Elizabeth Payson Prentiss (1818-1878)

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S
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Thy fa - ther watch - es the sheep: Thy

A
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Thy fa - ther watch - es the sheep: Thy

T
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Thy fa - ther watch - es the sheep: Thy

B
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! Thy fa - ther watch - es the sheep: Thy

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S
moth - er is shak - ing the dream - land tree, And down falls a lit - tle dream on thee;

A
moth - er is shak - ing the dream - land tree, And down falls a lit - tle dream on thee;

T
moth - er is shak - ing the dream - land tree, And down falls a lit - tle dream on thee;

B
moth - er is shak - ing the dream - land tree, And down falls a lit - tle dream on thee; _____



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S Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

A Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

T Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

B Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

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S Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ The large stars are _____ the sheep; _____ The

A Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ The large stars are _____ the sheep; _____ The

T Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ The large stars are the sheep; _____ The

B Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ The large stars are the sheep; _____ The

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S lit - tle stars are the lambs, I guess, The fair moon is the shep - herd - ess;

A lit - tle stars are the lambs, I guess, The fair moon is the shep - herd - ess;

T lit - tle stars are the lambs, I guess, The fair moon is the shep - herd - ess;

B lit - tle stars are the lambs, I guess, The fair moon is the shep - herd - ess; _____

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S Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

A Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

T Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

B Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

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S Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ And cry not like a sheep; _____ Else

A Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ And cry not like a sheep; _____ Else

T Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ And cry not like a sheep; _____ Else

B Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ And cry not like a sheep; _____ Else

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S will the sheep - dog bark and whine, And bite this naugh - ty child of mine;

A will the sheep - dog bark and whine, And bite this naugh - ty child of mine;

T will the sheep - dog bark and whine, And bite this naugh - ty child of mine;

B will the sheep - dog bark and whine, And bite this naugh - ty child of mine; _____

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S Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by sleep! _____

A Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by sleep! _____

T Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by sleep! _____

B Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by sleep! _____

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S Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ A - way! and tend the sheep _____ A -

A Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ A - way! and tend the sheep _____ A -

T Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ A - way! and tend the sheep _____ A -

B Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ A - way! and tend the sheep _____ A -

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S way, thou black dog, fierce and wild, And do not wake my lit - tle child!

A way, thou black dog, fierce and wild, And do not wake my lit - tle child!

T way, thou black dog, fierce and wild, And do not wake my lit - tle child!

B way, thou black dog, fierce and wild, And do not wake my lit - tle child! _____

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S
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

A
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

T
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

B
Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____ Sleep, ba - by, sleep! _____

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