

Yoolis Night

a Christmas Carol

set for SATB

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As I lay on Yoolis Night, alone in my longing,
Methought I saw a well fair sight,
A maid her child rocking.
Lully, lullay*, my dear mother, sing lullay.

The maiden would without any song,
Her child to sleep to bring.
The Child, he thought she did him wrong,
And bade† his mother sing.
Lully, lullay, my dear mother, sing lullay.

“Sing, now, Mother,” said the Child,
“What shall to me befall
When hereafter I am grown
For so do mothers all.
Lully, lullay, my dear mother, sing lullay.

“Sweet son,” said she, “Wherof should I sing?
I know as yet no more of thee
Than Gabriel's greeting.”
Lully, lullay, my dear mother, sing lullay.

Certainly this sight I saw, this song I heard sing,
As I lay this Yoolis Day, alone in my longing.

Pronunciation :

* Loo-lye, loo-lay (IPA: *lu-lai lu-lei*)

† Bad, not bayed (IPA: *baed*, not *bed*)

Text: adapted by the composer from John of Grimstone, 1372

Quoted by Dr Eleanor Parker here: <http://corymbus.co.uk/as-i-lay-on-yules-night/>

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Crisply

♩. = 40

f
As I lay on Yoo - lis night a - lone in my long - ing Me -

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thought I saw a well fair sight, a maid her child

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roc - king *p* Lul - ly, lul - lay, lul - ly lul - lay *mf* my dear mo - ther
 roc - king *p* Lul - ly, lul - lay, lul - ly lul - lay *mf* my dear mo - ther
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Lully lullay: pronounced loo-lye loo-lay please (IPA: lu-lai lu-lei)

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 sing lul - lay. *f* The mai - den would with -
 sing lul - lay. *f* The mai - den would with -
 sing lul - lay. *pp* sing lul - lay. *f* The mai - den would with -
 sing lul - lay. *f* The mai - den would with -

out a - ny song Her child to sleep to bring The Child he thought she

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p

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did him wrong And bade his mo - ther sing Lul - ly, lul - lay, lul - ly lul - lay

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20^p

f

f

f

p

p

p

p

bade: pronounced bad, not bayed please (IPA: baed, not bed)

my dear mo - ther sing lul · lay.

my dear mo - ther sing lul · lay.

my dear mo - ther sing lul · lay. *pp* sing lul · lay.

my dear mo - ther sing lul · lay. sing lul · lay.

mf 'Sing, now, Mo - ther' said the Child, 'What shall to me be - fall

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When here - af - ter I am grown For so do mo - thers all'

When here - af - ter I am grown For so do mo - thers all'

Lul - ly, lul - lay, lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay.

Lul - ly, lul - lay, lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay.

Lul - ly, lul - lay, lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay,

Lul - ly, lul - lay, lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay,

ff 'Sweet son' said she, 'Wher -

ff 'Sweet son' said she, 'Wher -

pp sing lul - lay. ff 'Sweet son' said she, 'Wher -

ff sing lul - lay. 'Sweet son' said she, 'Wher -

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of should I sing? I know as yet I no

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more of thee Than Gab - ri - el's gree - ting.' Lul - ly, lul - lay, *f*

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lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay.

lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay.

lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay sing lul - lay. *pp*

lul - ly lul - lay my dear mo - ther sing lul - lay sing lul - lay.

f 50

Cer · tain · ly this sight I saw, this song I heard sing As I lay this

f

Cer · tain · ly this sight I saw, this song I heard sing As I lay this

f

Cer · tain · ly this sight I saw, this song I heard sing As I lay this

f

Cer - tain - ly this song heard sing As I lay this

rit *pp*

Yoo · lis Day, a lone in my long · ing

pp

Yoo · lis Day a · lone in my long · ing

pp

Yoo · lis Day, a - lone in my long · ing

pp

Yoo · lis Day, a · lone in my long · ing