

Lunar Lullaby

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Gentle waltz feel ♩ = c. 112

Piano

p simply

ped. (ad lib.), liberal pedal throughout

5

mp legato, espr.

L.H. sim.

9

mf

14

poco rit.

A

a tempo *mp*

The moon set-tles in the dusk - y sky.

poco rit.

mp

R.H. sim.

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The gen - tle eyes of the north star

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rest up - on your sleep - ing face and the

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heav - ens gaze up - on you

poco rit.

28

a tempo
mp

Ah, Ah,

a tempo
mp

32 **B** *mf*

T1 T2
8 In this mo - ment, I know, — I know;

B1 B2
mf
8 In this mo - ment, I know, — I know;

mf

36
8 You are not from the ground on which you tread,

You are not from the ground on which you tread,

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8 *mp*
but — of the stars, —

mp
but — of the stars, —

mp

44 *mf* *poco rit.*

of the stars!

of the stars!

mf *poco rit.*

C a tempo, passionately

47 *f*

T1 You are my ra - dant, my ce - les - tial child...

T2 You are my ra - dant, my ce - les - tial child...

B1 You are my ce - les - tial child, Oh

B2 You are my ce - les - tial child, Oh

a tempo

51 *mf*

T1 you are my ra - diant, ce - les - tial child.

T2 you are my ra - diant, my ce - les - tial child.

B1 You are my ce - les - tial child.

B2 You are my ce - les - tial child.

mf

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55 *poco rit.* *a tempo*
mp

T1 Ah,

T2 *mp* Ah,

B1 *mp* Ah,

B2 *mp* Ah,

poco rit. *a tempo*
mp *mp*

60

T1 Ah. *mf* Ah,

T2 Ah. *mf* Ah,

B1 Ah. *mf* Ah,

B2 Ah. *mf* Ah,

mf

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T1 Ah. rit.

T2 Ah.

B1 Ah.

B2 Ah.

rit.

67 **D** *Sweetly, unhurried*
mp molto legato

B1 B2

As night is drown'd by morn - ing you re -

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B1 B2

main at my side, ac - com - pa - nying the sun - rise

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76 *mp gently, molto legato* *mf*

T1 T2

8 ...un - til night swells a - gain, un - til

B1 B2

un - til night swells a - gain, un - til

rit.....

f **Freely**
marked

81

T1
T2

night swells a - gain a-cross the sky!

B1
B2

night swells a - gain a-cross the sky!

f **Freely**
marked

rit.....

f

85

T1
T2

a tempo

B1
B2

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a tempo

f

88

T1
T2

B1
B2

92 **poco rit.** *gently* **p** **E** **a tempo**

T1 Then, dream-ing, you re - turn to the stars,

poco rit. **a tempo**

p

97

T1

T2 *mp* Dream-ing, you re-turn,

loco *mp*

(8^{va})

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101 *mf* dream - ing, you re - turn to the stars,

T1 *mf*

T2 You are my ra - diant, my ce - les - tial child.

B1 *mf* You are my ce - les - tial

B2 *mf* You are my ce - les - tial

mf

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T1
8 dream - ing, you re - turn to the stars,

T2
8 You are my ra - dant, my ce - les - tial child.

B1
child, Oh you are my ce - les - tial

B2
child, Oh you are my ce - les - tial

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poco rit. *mp* **F** meno mosso

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T1
mp

T2
mp

B1
mp child. Mm, Mm.

B2
mp child. Mm, Mm.

a tempo

mp

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Freely, unhurried *p* **still**

T1

T2

B1

B2

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The moon settles in the dusky sky.
 The gentle eyes of the north star
 rest upon your sleeping face
 and the heavens gaze upon you.
 In this moment, I know;
 You are not from the ground on which you tread,
 but of the stars.
 You are my radiant, my celestial child.
 As night is drown'd by morning
 you remain at my side,
 accompanying the sunrise
 until night swells again across the sky.
 Then, dreaming, you return to the stars.

About the poet

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