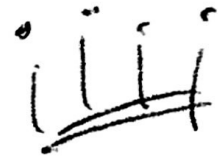


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Goodnight Moon

Text by Margaret Wise Brown

SATB



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COMPOSER'S NOTE:

Through his first six years, I must have read Goodnight Moon to my son a thousand times, maybe more. Somewhere around reading number 500 I began hearing little musical fragments as I read, and over time those fragments began to blossom into a simple, sweet lullaby. I knew it was a long shot, but I asked my manager, Claire Long to contact HarperCollins and see if they would allow the text to be set to music. To my surprise and delight, they agreed – the first time they had ever allowed Goodnight Moon to be used in such a way. I composed the piece relatively quickly, originally setting the text for harp, string orchestra and my son's mother, soprano Hila Plitmann.

I later arranged Goodnight Moon for soprano and piano. It is now available for SATB choir.

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DURATION

Ca. 5 minutes

TEXT Goodnight Moon

<i>In the great green room</i>	<i>Goodnight bears</i>
<i>There was a telephone</i>	<i>Goodnight chairs</i>
<i>And a red balloon</i>	<i>Goodnight kittens</i>
<i>And a picture of</i>	<i>And goodnight mittens</i>
<i>The cow jumping over the moon</i>	<i>Goodnight clocks</i>
<i>And there were three little bears sitting on chairs</i>	<i>And goodnight socks</i>
<i>And two little kittens</i>	<i>Goodnight little house</i>
<i>And a pair of mittens</i>	<i>And goodnight mouse</i>
<i>And a little toy house</i>	<i>Goodnight comb</i>
<i>And a young mouse</i>	<i>And goodnight brush</i>
<i>And a comb and a brush and a bowl full of mush</i>	<i>Goodnight nobody</i>
<i>And a quiet old lady who was whispering "hush"</i>	<i>Goodnight mush</i>
<i>Goodnight room</i>	<i>And goodnight to the old lady whispering</i>
<i>Goodnight moon</i>	<i>"hush"</i>
<i>Goodnight cow jumping over the moon</i>	<i>Goodnight stars</i>
<i>Goodnight light</i>	<i>Goodnight air</i>
<i>And the red balloon</i>	<i>Goodnight noises everywhere.</i>

Margaret Wise Brown

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GOODNIGHT MOON

MARGARET WISE BROWN

ERIC WHITACRE

♩ = 60, with rubato

p semplice

SOPRANO
In the great green room there was a

ALTO
In the great green room there was a

TENOR

BASS

PIANO
♩ = 60, with rubato
p

con ~~Ed.~~ ad lib.

3

S.
te - le - phone and a red bal - loon and a pic - ture of the

A.
te - le - phone and a red bal - loon and a pic - ture of the

T.
p semplice
the

B.
p semplice
the

Pno

5

S. cow — jump - ing o - ver the moon, and there were three lit - tle bears

A. cow — jump - ing o - ver the moon, ooh

T. cow — jump - ing o - ver the moon, ooh

B. cow — jump - ing o - ver the moon,

Pno *p*

ped * *ped* *

8

A Moving forward (♩ = c. 66)

S. *mp* sit - ting on — chairs, and two lit - tle kit - tens, and a

A. ooh

T. ooh

B. ooh

A Moving forward (♩ = c. 66)

Pno *mp*

ped

11

S. pair of mit - tens, and a lit - tle toy house,

A. ooh oh

T. ooh oh

B. ooh oh

Pno

Tea * *Tea*

14

S. and a young mouse, and a

A. oh

T. oh

B. oh

Pno

Tea * *Tea*

rit. *p*

B Freely

17

S. *mp*
comb and a brush, and a bowl full of mush, and a

A. *p* *mp*
and a bowl full of mush, and a

T. *mp*
and a

B. *mp*
an a

B Freely

Pno *p*

Lea * *Lea* *

19

S. *p* *mp*
qui - et old la - dy who was whis - per - ing hush. Good-night

A. *p* *mp*
qui - et old la - dy who was whis - per - ing hush. Good-night

T. *8*
qui - et la - dy whis - per - ing

B. *8*
qui - et la - dy whis - per - ing

Pno *mp*

Lea *

C Moving forward, with rubato (♩ = c. 66)

22

S. room, good - night moon,

A. room, good - night moon,

T. *mp* Good - - - night room, good - night

B. *mp* Good - - - night room, good - night

C Moving forward, with rubato (♩ = c. 66)

Pno *mp* *mp*

♩ *mp*

25

S. good - night cow jump-ing o - ver the *mp*

A. good - night cow jump-ing o - ver the *mp*

T. moon, o - ver

B. moon, o - ver

Pno *p*

♩ *p*

D Moderato

28

S. *p*
moon, Good - - - -

A. *p*
moon, _____

T. *mp*
good - night moon, good - night light and the red bal -

B. *mp*
good - night moon, good - night light and the red bal -

D Moderato

Pno *mp*

Lea * Lea Lea * Lea *

31

S. *mp*
- night, good - night bears good - night chairs, good-night

A. *p*
good - night bears, good - night chairs,

T. *mp*
- loon, good - night chairs,

B. *mp*
- loon, good - - - night chairs,

Pno *mp*

Lea Lea * Lea * Lea *

34

S. kit - tens, good-night mit - tens, good-night clocks _____ and good - night socks, good - night

A. *p* good - - - - - night,

T. *p* good - - - - - night,

B.

Pno

ped. *

36

S. lit - tle house, good - night mouse, _____

A. *p* good - - - - - night, good - - - - - night, good - - - - - night

T. *p* good - - - - - night *mp* lit - tle house, *p* good - - - - - night

B. *p* good - - - - - night *mp* lit - tle house, *p* good - - - - - night

Pno

mp *ped.* * *ped.*

poco rit. **E** ♩ = c. 60

39

S.

A.

T.

B.

mp *p*

poco rit. **E** ♩ = c. 60

Pno

* Ped. * Ped. *

Solo (optional)

42

S.

A.

T.

B.

p *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Pno

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

45

Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno

to the old la - dy wis - per - ing

to the old la - dy wis - per - ing

good - night, old la - dy wis - p'ring

good - - - - night,

Tea * *Tea* * *Tea* * *Tea* *

48

Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno

p hush. *pp* Good - night stars, **F**

p hush. *pp* Good - night stars,

p hush. *pp* Good - night stars,

pp

Tea * *Tea* *

51 *tutti* *p*

S. good - night air, good -

A. good - night air,

T.

B.

Pno

Teo * *Teo* * *Teo* *

54 *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

S. - night noi - ses ev - 'ry - where.

A. good - night noi - ses ev - - - 'ry - where.

T. good - night noi - ses ev - 'ry - where.

B. good - night noi - ses Good -

Pno

Teo * *Teo*

57 Solo (optional)

G *mf*

S. Good - night, good -

A. Good - - - - night, good -

T. Good - - - - night, good -

B. - night, good - night, good - - -

Pno *mp*

Red. * *Red.* *

60

Solo *mp*

S. *mp* good - night

S. *unis. mp* good - night

A. *mp* good - night

T. *mp* good - night noi -

B. - night.

Pno *mp* *p*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

63 *tutti* *p*

S. noi - ses ev - 'ry - where.

A. noi - ses ev - 'ry - where.

T. - - - ses, ev - - - 'ry where.

B. ev - - - 'ry where.

Pno *p*

Tea * *Tea* * *Tea* *Tea* *

66

S. ooh hmm

A. ooh hmm

T. ooh hmm

B. ooh hmm

Pno *mp* *pp*

Tea * *Tea* * *Tea* *