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# Charm Me Asleep: To Music

for SATB Voices with Piano Accompaniment

Text by:  
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(1591-1674)

Music by:  
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Slow (♩ = 54)

S  
A

T  
B

Piano

Slow (♩ = 54)

*mp* *rit.*

3

Slow (♩ = 60)

*p* *mf*

Charm me a - sleep, and melt me so With thy de - li - cious

Slow (♩ = 60)

6

*p* *mf*

num - bers, That, be - ing ra - vish'd hence I go

9 *p* *pp* *rall.*....., *p* *a tempo*

A - way in ea - sy slum - bers. — Ease my sick head, —

*p* *pp* *rall.*....., *a tempo* *mp* *p*

12 *no breath* *mf*

And make my bed, — Thou pow - er that can sev - er From me this ill, —

*mf*

15 *rall.*....., *rit.*.....

And quick - ly still, — Though thou not kill My - fe - ver. —

*rall.*..... *rit.*.....

18 *a tempo* *mp* *rit.* *p*

Charm me a - sleep, and melt me so With thy de - li - cious

*a tempo* *p* *mp* *rit.* *p*

21 *a tempo*

num - bers,

*a tempo* *mp* *pp*

24 *Faster* (♩ = 88) *mf*

T  
8 Thou sweet - ly canst con - vert the same From a con - sum - ing

B

*Faster* (♩ = 88) *mf*

27 *rall.*..... Slower (♩ = 76)

S  
A *mp*  
In - to a gen - tle lick - ing flame,

T  
B  
fire lick - ing flame,

Slower (♩ = 76)

*rall.*..... *mp*

30 *rall.*..... Faster (♩ = 88)

And make it thus ex - pire. Then make me weep My

Faster (♩ = 88)

*rall.*.....

33 *mf*

pains a - sleep; And give me such re - pos - es That

*mf* And give me such re - pos - es, re - pos - es That

36 *f*

I, — poor I, — May think — there - by — I live — and die — 'Mongst

39 *ff*

ros - es. That I, — poor I, — May think — there - by — I

42

live — and die — 'Mongst ros - es.

45 (♩ = 60)

*pp sotto voce*  
*unis.*

Then make me weep My pains a-sleep; And give me such re-pos-es, And

(♩ = 60)

*pp*

48

*p* Then make me weep My  
Then make me  
give me such re-pos-es.

*p*

50 pains a-sleep; And give me such re-pos-es, And  
weep my pains a-sleep; And give me such re-

52 give me such re - pos - es That poor I, May  
 pos - es, such re - pos - es That I, poor I, May

Faster (♩ = 96)

*f*

That poor I, May  
 Faster (♩ = 96)

*f*

54 think there - by I live and die 'Mongst

56 rose - es, 'Mongst ros - es. Fall on me like the

*rall.* *ff*

*rall.* *ff*

Faster (♩ = 60, ♩ = 120)

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

58

si - lent dew, Or like those maid - en

60

show - - ers. Which, by the peep of

62

day, do - - strew A bap - tism o'er the

*ff* *slower* *rall.* -----

*slower*

*ff* *rall.* -----



64 *rall.* -----

(♩ = 92)  
***ff unis.***

flow - ers. Melt, melt my pains with

*rall.* -----

***ff unis.***

(♩ = 92)

66

thy soft strains; That, hav - ing ease me giv - en,

69

Melt, melt my pains with thy soft strains; That, hav - ing ease me

72 *rit.* ..... ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )  
*ff*

giv - en  
giv - en, Melt, melt my pains with full de - light I

*ff* ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )

74 *Slower rit.* .....  
*ff*

leave this light, And take my flight For

76 *fff*

Heav - en.

*fff*