

#6. This Little Babe

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Lyrics: Robert Southwell
(1561? - 1595)

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Piano

f This lit - tle Babe so

f This lit - tle Babe so

f This lit - tle Babe so

S 1

S 2

A

Pno.

6

few days old, Is come to ri - fle Sa-tan's fold; All hell doth at his

6

10

S 1

pre - sence quake, Though he him-self for cold do shake; For in this weak un -

S 2

pre - sence quake, Though he him-self for cold do shake; For in this weak un -

A

pre - sence quake, Though he him-self for cold do shake; For in this weak un -

Pno.

14

S 1

arm-ed wise The gates of hell he will sur - prise.

S 2

arm-ed wise The gates of hell he will sur - prise.

A

arm-ed wise The gates of hell he will sur - prise.

Pno.

19 *f*

S 1 With tears he fights and wins the field, His

S 2 With tears he fights and wins the field, His

A With tears he fights _____ and wins the field, _____

Pno.

23

S 1 na-ked breast stands for a shield; His bat-tering shot are bab-ish cries, His

S 2 na-ked breast stands for a shield; His bat-tering shot are bab-ish cries, His

A _____ His na-ked breast stands for a shield; His bat-tering shot _____ are bab-ish cries _____

Pno.

27

S 1

ar-rows looks of weep-ing eyes, His mar-tial en - signs Cold and Need, And

S 2

ar-rows looks of weep-ing eyes, His mar-tial en - signs Cold and Need, And

A

— His ar-rows looks of weep-ing eyes, — His mar-tial en - signs Cold and Need,

Pno.

31

S 1

fee - ble Flesh his war - rior's steed.

S 2

fee - ble Flesh his war - rior's steed.

A

— And fee - ble Flesh his war - rior's steed.

Pno.

36 *f*

S 1 His camp is pitch - ed in a stall, His bul - wark but a

S 2 His camp is pitch - ed in a stall, His bul - wark but

A His camp is pitch - ed in a stall, His bul - wark

Pno.

40

S 1 bro-ken wall; The crib his trench, hay-stalks his stakes; Of shep-herds he his

S 2 a bro-ken wall; The crib his trench, hay-stalks his stakes; Of shep-herds he

A but a bro-ken wall; The crib his trench, hay-stalks his stakes; Of shep-herds

Pno.

44

S 1

mus - ter makes; And thus, as sure his foe to wound, The

S 2

his mus - ter makes; And thus, as sure his foe to wound, —

A

he his mus - ter makes; And thus, as sure his foe to

Pno.

47

S 1

an-gels' trumps a - la - rum sound. *ff* My

S 2

— The an-gels' trumps a - la - rum sound. *ff* My

A

wound, The an-gels' trumps a - la - rum sound. *ff* My

Pno.

52

S 1

soul, with Christ join thou in fight; Stick to the tents that he hath

S 2

soul, with Christ join thou in fight; Stick to the tents that he hath

A

soul with Christ join thou in fight; Stick to the tents that he hath

Pno.

56

S 1

pight. With - in his crib is sur-est ward; This lit-tle Babe will be thy

S 2

pight. With - in his crib is sur-est ward; This lit-tle Babe will be thy

A

pight. With - in his crib is sur-est ward; This lit-tle Babe will be thy

Pno.

61 *ff*

S 1 guard, If thou wilt foil — thy foes with joy, — then flit not from

S 2 guard, If thou wilt foil — thy foes with joy, — then flit not from

A guard. If thou wilt foil — thy foes with joy, — then flit not from

Pno.

67

S 1 — this hea - ven - ly Boy. —

S 2 — this hea - ven - ly Boy. —

A — this hea - ven - ly Boy. —

Pno.