

Richard Rodney Bennett

A GOOD-NIGHT

for SATB

NOVELLO

for Paul, in memory of Linda

A Good-Night

Francis Quarles
(1592-1644)

Richard Rodney Bennett
(1999)

Con moto (♩ = 90) *poco* 1936-2012

SOPRANO
p
Close now thine eyes and rest se - cure;

ALTO
p
Close now thine eyes and rest se - cure;

TENOR
p
Close now thine eyes and rest se - cure;

BASS
p
Close now thine eyes and rest se - cure; thy

Piano
(for rehearsal only)
Con moto (♩ = 90)

5

mp
thy soul is safe e - nough, thy bo - dy

mp
thy soul is safe e - nough, thy bo - dy

mp
thy soul is safe e - nough, thy bo - dy

mp
soul is safe e - nough, thy bo - dy

9

mp sure; He that loves thee, he that keeps And

mp sure; He that loves thee, he that keeps And

mp sure; He that loves thee, he that keeps And

mp sure; He that loves thee, he that keeps And

14

mf guards thee, *dim.* ne - ver slum - bers, *pochiss. rit.* *p* ne - ver sleeps.

mf guards thee, *dim.* ne - ver slum - bers, *p* ne - ver sleeps.

mf guards thee, *dim.* ne - ver slum - bers, *p* ne - ver sleeps.

mf guards thee, *dim.* ne - ver slum - bers, *p* ne - ver sleeps.

pochiss. rit.

19 **A tempo pochiss. più** ($\text{♩} = 100$) *mp*

The smi-ling con - science in a sleep-ing breast Has

The smi-ling con - science in a sleep-ing breast Has

The smi-ling con - science in a sleep-ing breast Has

The smi - ling con - science in a breast Has on -

A tempo pochiss. più ($\text{♩} = 100$)

23 *mp*

on - ly peace, has on - ly rest; The mu - sic

on - ly peace, on - ly rest; The mu - sic

on - ly peace, has on - ly rest; The mu - sic

- ly peace, on - ly rest; The mu - sic

27 *mf*

and the mirth of Kings Are all but ve - ry

mf

and the mirth of Kings Are all but ve - ry

mf

and the mirth of Kings Are all but

mf

and the mirth of Kings Are all but

30 *f* *mf* *mp* *poco rit.* *dim.*

dis - cords, dis - cords, When she sings.

f *mf* *mp* *dim.*

dis - cords, dis - cords, When, when she

f *mf* *mp* *dim.*

dis - cords, dis - cords, When, when she

f *mf* *mp* *dim.*

dis - cords, dis - cords, When, when she

poco rit.

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Come prima (♩ = 90)

p Then close thine eyes and rest se -

p sings. Then close thine eyes and rest se -

p sings. Then close thine eyes and rest se -

p sings. Then close thine eyes and rest se -

Come prima (♩ = 90)

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mp - cure; No sleep so sweet as thine,

mp - cure; No sleep so sweet as thine,

mp - cure; No sleep so sweet as thine,

mp - cure; No sleep so sweet as thine,

43

poco a poco rilassando

p *mp* *dim.* *p*

no rest so sure,

p *mp* *dim.* *p*

no rest so no sleep

p *mp* *dim.* *p*

no rest so no sleep

p *mp* *dim.* *p*

no rest so sure,

poco a poco rilassando

47

poco rit.

pp semplice

pp semplice

no rest so sure.

pp semplice

so sweet no rest so sure.

pp semplice

so sweet no rest so sure.

pp semplice

no rest so sure.

poco rit.

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