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EIGHT  
CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

POEMS

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**Christabel and Faith.**

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## HOLY INNOCENTS.

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SLEEP, little Baby, sleep ;  
The Holy Angels love thee,  
And guard thy bed, and keep  
A blessed watch above thee.  
No spirit can come near  
Nor evil beast to harm thee :  
Sleep, Sweet, devoid of fear  
Where nothing need alarm thee.

The Love which doth not sleep,  
The eternal Arms surround thee :  
The Shepherd of the sheep  
In perfect love hath found thee.  
Sleep through the holy night,  
Christ-kept from snare and sorrow,  
Until thou wake to light  
And love and warmth to-morrow.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

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# Holy Innocents.

*Andante tranquillo.*

Voice. *p* Sleep, lit-tle Ba - by, sleep;..... The

Piano. *p*

ho - ly An - gels love thee, And guard thy bed, and keep A blessed watch a -

*p* - bove thee. No spirit can come near Nor

ev - il beast to harm thee: Sleep, sweet, de -

*f* *mp* *dim.* *mp*

- void of fear Where no-thing need a - larm thee.

*p ad lib.* *ten.* *rit.* *pp* *col voce.* *ten.* *espress.*

The Love which doth not sleep, The E - ter - nal Arms sur -

*cresc.* *cresc.* *f*

- round thee: The Shep - herd of the sheep In per - fect love hath

*p*

*mf* *rit.* *p a tempo.*

found thee. Sleep through the ho-ly night,

*mf* *p a tempo.*

*p espress.* *cresc.*

Christ - kept from snare and sor - row, Un - til thou wake..... to

*col voce.* *cresc.*

*f* *dim.* *p*

light And love and warmth to - mor - row.

*dim.* *rall molto.* *dim.*

*pp Adagiosissimo* *rit.* *ppp*

Sleep, lit-tle Ba - by, sleep, sleep.

*dolcissimo* *rit.* *rit.*

*col voce.* *smorzando.* *ppp*