

SWEET AND LOW
choir and violin

PROGRAMME NOTES

Alfred Tennyson's beautiful lullaby was set by the composer with a children's choir in mind accompanied by simple pizzicato on the open string of a violin/s. The first known performance of the score was by children from Belgian Gardens State School in Townsville conducted by Malcolm Cook on 31 July at a *Young Families Concert* in the Townsville Civic Theatre as part of the 2010 Australian Chamber Music Festival.

Sweet and low, sweet and low,
Wind of the western sea,
Low, low, breathe and blow,
Wind of the western sea!
Over the rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon, and blow,
Blow him again to me;
While my little one, my pretty one, sleeps.

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest,
Father will come to thee soon;
Rest, rest, on mother's breast,
Father will come to thee soon;
Father will come to his babe in the nest,
Silver sails all out of the west
Under the silver moon:
Sleep, my little one, sleep, my pretty one, sleep.

From *Ten Songs from 'The Princess'* by Alfred Lord Tennyson