

*Golden slumbers kiss your eyes;
Smiles awake you when you rise.
Sleep, pretty wanton, do not cry,
And I will sing a lullaby:
Rock Him, rock Him, lullaby.*

*Care is heavy, therefore sleep you;
You are care, and care must keep you.
Sleep, pretty wanton, do not cry,
And I will sing a lullaby:
Rock Him, rock Him, lullaby.*

after Thomas Dekker (1572-1632)

duration: c. 2:30

Golden Slumbers was written in 1994, during my tenure as composer in residence for the Dale Warland Singers.

Close quickly to “m” when singing the word “slumbers.”