

Cradle Song

Ian Bostridge, tenor/Julius Drake, Piano

For whom there crows
Spies over fields of rice
Of water lotus stream
A plant with dew
I will bring for you
Little lovely dream
A little lovely dream
Dear eyes good night, in a golden light
The stars around you will bleed
For you I will press, soft caress
Little lovely dream
Sweet sweet shut your eyes
The wild fireflies
The wild fireflies dancing
Through the fairy name
Straight from the poppy bowl
It was for you I stole
And just for you I stole
A still little lovely dream
Hush demon baby
Your time will soon come
Your sleep will be broken
By temper tantrum
Hush demon darlin'
Rest while you may
For strife comes a living
And working with the day
Sleep mamma dearest
The tear upon my heart
Sleep, sleep my darling
Sleep, sleep sleep on
Sleep, sleep my darling
Sleep, sleep, sleep on
I have brought for you
A little lovely dream
A little lovely dream
When dawn lights the skies
Open my eyes

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