

Cradle Song

Ian Bostridge

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
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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 momma 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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