

Mother Mary, May I Hold Your Baby



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for the Royal Oak Senior Handbell Choir, Royal Oak, Michigan

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AGEHR Level II

Handbells Used: 3-5 Octaves

opt.

3 octave choirs omit notes in ()
4 octave choirs omit notes in []

Tenderly ♩ = 86

Walter J. Gladwin (b.1944)
arr. by Bob Martin

mf

rit.

5 *a tempo*

6

7

8

9

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11

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13 14 15 16

f

17 18 19 20

mf

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LV

21 22 23 24

f

* coll' 8va

R

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LV LV LV LV

25 26 27 28

mf

* 5 octaves choirs, double top note an octave higher mm. 21-24.

29 30 31 32

f

Musical notation for measures 29-32. The treble clef contains chords and moving lines, while the bass clef contains a steady accompaniment. Measure 29 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

33 34 35 36

mf

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Musical notation for measures 33-36. The treble clef continues with chords and moving lines, and the bass clef provides accompaniment. Measure 33 starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

37 38 39 40

rit.

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Musical notation for measures 37-40. The treble clef features chords and moving lines, with a fermata over measure 40. The bass clef has accompaniment. A *rit.* (ritardando) marking is present in measure 39.

a tempo

41 42 43 44

f

Musical notation for measures 41-44. The treble clef contains chords and moving lines, and the bass clef has a rhythmic accompaniment with plus signs below the notes. Measure 41 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and the tempo marking *a tempo*.

* coll' 8va

45 46 47 48

49 50 51 52

rit. p

LV

* 5 octaves choirs, double top note an octave higher mm. 45-48.

Mother Mary, may I hold your baby? I want to love him like you love him, too.
Let me put my little arms around him, like his mom and daddy do.

In the manger he lies sleeping, nestled in, so calm, so meek;
Warm, soft creatures, lanterns keeping light and peace that we all seek.

Shepherds, kings and angels all, come to see him in the stall.
Little children understand, he is love and wants our hand.

When he grows up big and strong, in my prayers and in my songs,
I will love him evermore, when he was the babe before.

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