

In memory of my grandmother

Babes in the Woods

SATB a cappella (and optional flute)

Early American Ballad

arr. Lou Warde

Lightly, with simplicity

Soprano *mp* Oh don't you re-mem-ber a long time a-go, two poor lit-tle babes, whose

Alto *mp* Two poor lit-tle babes, whose

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S names I don't know, Were sto-len a-way on a bright sum-mer's day, and

A names I don't know, Were— sto-len a-way on a bright sum-mer's day, and—

T *mp* Were sto-len a-way on a bright sum-mer's day, and

B

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For rehearsal only (*mp*)

lost in the woods, I've heard peo - ple say. And when it was night— so

lost in the woods, I've heard peo - ple say. And— when it was night— so

lost in the woods, I've— heard peo - ple say. And when it was night— so

mp And when it was night so

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sad was their plight, The sun it went down, and the moon gave no light, They

sad was their plight, The sun it went down and the moon gave no light, They—

sad was their plight, The sun it went down and the moon gave no light, They—

sad was their plight, The sun it went down and the moon gave no light, They

9

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sobbed and they sighed and they bit - ter - ly cried, And the poor lit - tle babes they

sobbed and they sighed and they bit - ter - ly cried, And the poor lit - tle babes they

sobbed— and sighed— they bit - ter - ly cried,— poor babes, they

sobbed and sighed and bit - ter - ly cried, And poor lit - tle babes, they

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(rit.) (fine) 17 * Lightly, descant-like
mp

laid down and died. The ro - bins so red brought

p

laid down and died.— And while they were dead— the ro - bins so red brought

p

laid down and died. And while they were dead the ro - bins so red brought

p

laid down and died. And while they were dead the ro - bins so red brought

(rit.) (fine) 17

* In order that the melody is not overpowered by the descant line, it may be necessary to have only one or a few sopranos here while the rest join the tenors with the melody.

straw - ber-ry leaves _____ And they sang— this

straw - ber-ry leaves and o - ver them spread; And— while they were dead they—

straw - ber-ry leaves and o - ver them spread; And while they were dead they

straw-ber-ry leaves and o - ver them spread; And while they were dead _____

song, _____ poor babes _____ they are gone. *rit.* * D.S. S

sang them this song, poor— babes in the woods, poor babes they are gone. *rit.*

sang them this song, poor babes in the woods, poor babes they are gone. *rit.*

— they— sang them this song _____ poor babes they are gone. *rit.*

* D.S. S

*optional ending: The second verse (m. 9) is sung on an "Ooh" vowel sound while the flute plays the ad lib part.

