

Level 2+

# Sleep in Heavenly Peace

For 3-5 Octave Handbell Choir with optional 3 Octaves of Handchimes

## STILLE NACHT by Franz Gruber

### arranged by Jason W. Krug

Handbells used: 30, (36), (44)

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Handchimes used: 12

#### PERFORMANCE NOTES:

3-octave choirs omit notes in ( ).

4-octave choirs omit notes in [ ].

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(ASCAP)

**Molto misterioso e rubato** ♩ = ca. 60

1 2 3 4 5

*p* SB\*

LV (all treble notes)

\* Bass handbells perform singing-bell technique by running a 1" dowel around the lip of the handbell. Start singing on new handbells where indicated, allowing other handbells to decay. Stop dowels on beat 1 of meas. 17, allowing sound to decay through meas. 20.

Musical notation for measures 6 through 11. The piece is in 2/4 time. The right hand features a melody with eighth notes and quarter notes, including a half note in measure 11. The left hand plays a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. Measure numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are indicated above the staff. A '+' sign is placed above the first note of each measure. The instruction 'LV' is written in the right hand of measure 10.

Musical notation for measures 12 through 17. The right hand continues the melody, with a half note in measure 17. The left hand accompaniment remains consistent. Measure numbers 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 are indicated above the staff. '+' signs are placed above the first notes of measures 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. The instruction 'LV' is written in the right hand of measure 14, and '(stop SB)' is written in the right hand of measure 17.

Moving along ♩ = 75

Musical notation for measures 18 through 23. The right hand plays a series of chords, with some notes beamed together. The left hand has rests. Measure numbers 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 are indicated above the staff. The instruction 'R mp' is written in the right hand of measure 18.

Musical notation for measures 24 through 28. The right hand continues with chords, and the left hand begins to play a simple accompaniment. Measure numbers 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 are indicated above the staff. The instruction 'mf' is written in the right hand of measure 26.