

Kentucky Babe

music by Adam Geibel • lyrics by Ricahrd Henry Buck • 1896

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. The guitar part is in the key of A major (three sharps) and 2/4 time. The vocal melody is in the same key and time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The score consists of 10 staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins the vocal melody with the lyrics 'Skeet - ers am a - hum - min' on the hon - ey - suck - le vine, sleep, Ken - tuck - y babe,'. The third staff continues the melody with 'Dad - dy's in the cane - brake with his lit - tle dog and gun,'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Sand - man am a - com - in' to this lit - tle child of mine, sleep, Ken - tuck - y babe,'. The fifth staff continues with 'Pos - sum for your break - fast when your sleep - in' time is done,'. The sixth staff has the lyrics 'Sil - v'ry moon am shin - in' in the hea - vens up a - bove, bob - o - link am pin - in' for his lit - tle la - dy love,'. The seventh staff continues with 'Bo - gie man 'll catch ya sure, un - less you close your eyes, waitin' just out - side the door to take you by sur - prise,'. The eighth staff has the lyrics 'You is might - y luck - y, babe of old Ken - tuck - y, close your eyes in sleep.____'. The ninth staff continues with 'Best be keep - in' sha - dy, lit - tle pre - cious la - dy,'. The tenth staff has the lyrics 'Fly a - way, fly a - way, Ken - tuck - y babe, fly a - way to rest,'. The eleventh staff continues with 'Fly a - way, lay your lit - tle dar - lin' head on your ma - ma's breast,'. The twelfth staff has the lyrics 'Mm____ Mm____ Close your eyes in sleep.____'. The thirteenth staff continues with the instrumental part. The fourteenth staff ends the piece with a final instrumental flourish.

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