

# 6. This little Babe

Robert Southwell  
(1561-1595)

Presto con fuoco (♩=180)

Sopranos

Mezzos

Altos

*f* This lit-tle Babe so few days old, Is come to ri-fle

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S. *sempre f* Sa-tan's fold: All hell doth at his pre-sence quake, Though he him-self for cold do shake; For in this weak un-

M. *sempre f* Sa-tan's fold: All hell doth at his pre-sence quake, Though he him-self for cold do shake; For in this weak un-

A. *sempre f* Sa-tan's fold: All hell doth at his pre-sence quake, Though he him-self for cold do shake; For in this weak un-

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S. *f* arm-éd wise The gates of hell he will sur prise. With tears he fights and

M. *f* arm-éd wise The gates of hell he will sur prise. With tears he fights and

A. *f* arm-éd wise The gates of hell he will sur prise. With tears he fights

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S. wins the field, His na ked breast stands for a shield; His batte-ring shot are babish cries, His

M. wins the field, His na ked breast stands for a shield; His batte-ring shot are babish cries, His

A. and wins the field, His na ked breaststands for a shield; His batte-ring shot are babish cries,

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S. *sempre f* ar-rows looks of wee-ping eyes, His mar-tial en-signs Col-dand Need, And fee-ble Flesh his

M. *sempre f* ar-rows looks of wee-ping eyes, His mar-tial en-signs Col-dand Need, And fee-ble Flesh his



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S. war - rior's steed. *f* His camp is pitch - ed in a stall, His

M. war - rior's steed. *f* His camp is pitch - ed in a stall,

A. his war-rior's steed. *f* His camp is pitch - ed in a

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S. bul-wark but a bro-ken wall; The crib his trench, hays-talks his stakes; Of

M. His bul-wark but a bro-ken wall; The crib his trench, hays-talks his stakes;

A. stall, His bul-wark but a bro-ken wall; The crib his trench, hays-talks his

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S. she-pherds he his mus-ter makes; And thus, as sure his foe to wound, The *sempre f*

M. Of she-pherds he his mus-ter makes; And thus, as sure his foe to wound, *sempre f*

A. stakes; Of she-pherds he his mus-ter makes; And thus, as sure his foe to *sempre f*

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S. an-gels' trumps a - la - rum sound. *ff* My soul, with Christ join

M. The an-gels' trumps a - la - rum sound. *ff* My soul, with Christ join

A. wound, The an-gelstrumps a - la - rum sound. *ff* My soul, with Christ join

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S. thou in fight; Stick to the tents that he hath pight. With - in his crib is sur-est ward; This lit-tle Babe

M. thou in fight; Stick to the tents that he hath pight. With - in his crib is sur-est ward; This lit-tle Babe

A. thou in fight; Stick to the tents that he hath pight. With - in his crib is sur-est ward; This lit-tle Babe



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*con slancio  
sostenuto*

**ff**

S. will be thy guard. If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from

M. will be thy guard. If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from

A. will be thy guard. If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from

*sostenuto*

*sostenuto*

*sostenuto*

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*senza rall.*

**ff**

S. — this hea - ven - ly Boy.

M. — this hea - ven - ly Boy.

A. — this hea - ven - ly Boy.

**ff**

**ff**