

# THE UNFINISHED PRAYER.

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*f* *Ped.* *ff* *p* *rit, ad lib.*

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a series of chords and arpeggiated figures, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment. The piece begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic, moves to fortissimo (*ff*) with a pedaling instruction, then to piano (*p*) with a ritardando (*rit, ad lib.*) marking.

*Andante e con espressione.*

1. "Now I lay me"—say it dar - - ling; "Lay me," lisp'd the tin - y lips  
2. "Pray the Lord," the words came faint - - ly Faint - or still—"My soul to keep;"

*p*

The vocal melody is written on a single staff, with two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is on two staves. The tempo is marked *Andante e con espressione*. The piano part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

Of my daughter, kneeling, bending O'er her folded finger tips,— "Down to sleep,"—"To sleep," she murmured,  
Then the tired head fairly nod - ded, And the child was fast a- sleep; But the dowy eyes half o - pened,

The third system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a more active accompaniment with many chords.

*rit. ad lib. (Sing second verse without interlude.)*

And the curly head dropp'd low; "I pray the Lord," I gently add - ed, "You can say it all, I know."  
When I clasp'd her to my breast. And the dear voice softly whis - pered, "Mamma, God knows all the rest."

*Colla voce.* *Fine.*

The final system concludes the piece. The vocal melody ends with a long note, and the piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic support. The tempo is marked *rit. ad lib.* and the instruction is to sing the second verse without an interlude. The piece ends with *Colla voce.* and *Fine.*