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Cradle Song

A:2

Op. 49 No. 4

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Johannes Brahms
(1833-97)

Delicately [$\text{♩} = \text{c.84}$]

p

mf

poco rit.

Bb

Brahms composed his famous 'Lullaby,' originally called *Wiegenlied* or 'Cradle Song,' in 1848 for his Viennese friends Arthur and Bertha Faber, to celebrate the birth of their son Hans. The gently rocking accompaniment is based on a popular Viennese love song which Bertha had sung to Brahms ten years earlier, when she was a 17-year-old member of a Ladies' Choir which he conducted. Brahms wrote to the couple that he imagined Bertha singing Hans to sleep while Arthur murmured a love song to her.

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