

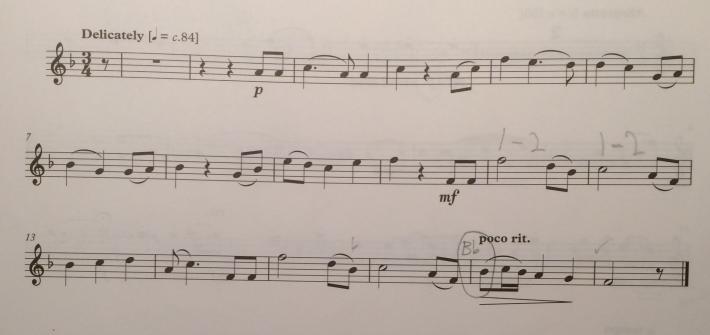
Cradle Song

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Johannes Brahms (1833-97)



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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