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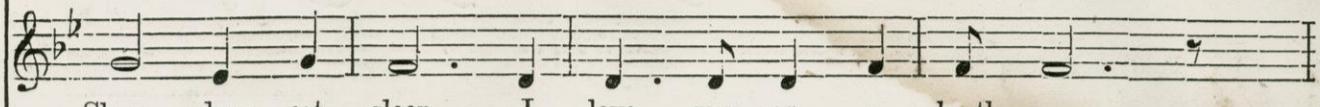
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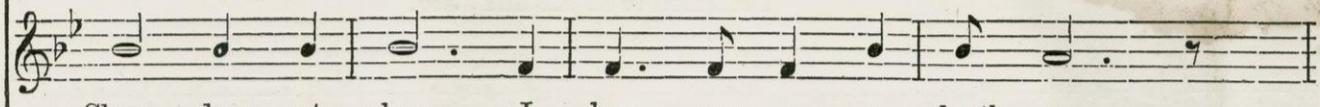
The musical score consists of six staves of music. The first two staves are in treble clef, 4/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The first staff is labeled 'DOLCE E LEGATO.' The lyrics for these two staves are: 'Let me kiss him for his Mother, Let me kiss his dear youthful brow; I will love him for his'. The next two staves are in bass clef, 4/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics for these two staves are: 'Mother, And seek her blessing now. Kind friends have sooth'd his pillow, Have'. The final two staves are in treble clef, 4/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics for these two staves are: 'watched his ev - 'ry care, Be -neath the weep - ing willow, O lay him gently there.'

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## CHORUS.

Air. 

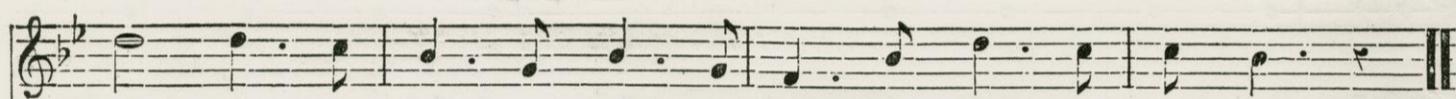
Alto. 

Tenor. 

Bass. 

Piano. 

Forte. 



Kind friends a - round you weep, I've kissed you for your moth - er.



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## SECOND VERSE.

Let me kiss him for his Mother,  
 What though left a lone stranger here;  
 She has loved him as none other,  
 I feel her blessing near.  
 Though cold that form lies sleeping,  
 Sweet angels watch around;  
 Dear friends are near thee weeping,  
 O lay him gently down.

CHORUS. Sleep dearest, sleep,  
 I love you as a brother;  
 Kind friends around you weep,  
 I've kissed you for your Mother.

## THIRD VERSE.

Let me kiss him for his Mother,  
 Or perchance a fond sister dear;  
 If a father or a brother,  
 I know their blessing's here.  
 Then kiss him for his Mother,  
 'Twill soothe her after-years;  
 Farewell dear stranger, brother,  
 Our requiem, our tears.

CHORUS. Sleep dearest, sleep,  
 I love you as a brother;  
 Kind friends around you weep,  
 I've kissed you for your Mother.

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