

# Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

West Country Folksong

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**Poco adagio** (♩ = c.52)  
*solo or semichorus p sempre legato*

SOPRANO  
Mat- thew, Mark, and Luke, and John, Bless the bed that I lie on.

ALTO  
*pp* *stagger breath*  
Mm

TENOR  
Mm

BASS  
*pp* *stagger breath*  
Mm

6

S. Four an - gels to my bed, Two to bot - tom, Two to head,

A.

B.

10

S. Two to hear me when I pray, Two to bear my soul a - way.

A.

B.

*2 solo voices or semichorus*

14 *Tutti pp*  
*Mm*  
*pp*  
*Mm*  
*pp* *Mm*  
*p poco a poco crescendo*  
*p poco a poco crescendo*

S.

A.

T.

B.

God is the branch and I the flow'r,

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19 *pp* *mouths half open*  
*pp* *mouths half open*  
*Ah!*  
*Ah!*  
*mp*  
*mp*

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pray God send me a bless-ed hour. I go to bed some sleep to take: the

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23 *mf*  
*mf*

S.

A.

T.

B.

Lord, He knows if I shall wake. Sleep I ev-er, sleep I nev-er,

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27 **Largo**

S. *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *pp*

A. *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *pp*

T. *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *pp*

B. *f* God re - ceive my soul for ev - er. *pp*

Detailed description: This is a musical score for four voices: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The piece is marked 'Largo' and begins at measure 27. The lyrics are 'God receive my soul for ever.' The score is written in 3/4 time. Dynamics include *f* (forte) at the start of each line and *pp* (pianissimo) at the end. There are accents over the words 'soul' and 'er.' in the Soprano and Alto parts. Phrasing slurs are used to group the words 're - ceive' and 'my soul' in all parts. The Soprano and Alto parts have a final note with a fermata and a *pp* dynamic. The Tenor and Bass parts have a final note with a fermata and a *pp* dynamic. The Tenor part has a small '8' below the first note.