Two Lullabies from dreaming the dark down slowly

text by Emily B. Stuart ^{music} by Joseph Klein



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PROGRAM NOTE

The two hullabies, Weep not my darling and Care-charming sleep, were originally part of the extended stage work dreaming the dark down slowly, composed in collaboration with choreographer Emily B. Stuart in 1990 for a production at Indiana University. These hullabies were extracted from the larger work in April of 1997 as part of The Lullaby Project, sponsored by Not Nice Music and composer Barry Drogin in honor of the birth of his son, Max.

As the original libretto-written by Stuart-draws heavily upon the subject matter of the complete stage work it may seem a bit obscure or even inappropriate out of that context; optionally, these hullables may be sung as vocalises on a neutral vowel sound.