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Composition: **Sweet Was the Song** – SATB a cappella

Date: 1964

Duration: 6:20

Recording: by San Francisco Choral Artists conducted by Magen Solomon

Program Note:

This piece was written during my residence in Houston from 1964 to 1966.

Text:

Sweet was the song the Virgin Sang,
When she to Bethlam Juda came
And was delivered of a son,
That blesses Jesus hath to name:
'Lulla, lulla, lulla, lulla-by,
'Lulla, lulla, lulla, lulla-by.
Sweet babe,' sang she, 'my son,
And eke a savior born,
Who hast vouchsafed from on high
To visit us that were forlorn:
Lallula, lalula, lalula-by,'
'Sweet babe,' sang she,
And rocked him sweetly on her knee.
-William Ballett (17th Century)