

**Accompanied Solo**

# *Children Sleeping Under Bridges*

*A Christmas Carol*

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*Children sleeping under bridges  
dark December rain  
Woman begging at the curbside  
coughing deep in pain.  
Hopeless, fearing, desperate, daring  
headlights shining through the darkness:  
They hear a baby cry.  
    Baby in the chaffing straw  
    crying just for them;  
    Wrapped in rags, he knows their pain  
    crying just for them.*

*Young girl standing under streetlight  
waiting for a ride.  
Suffocating in a fever,  
never had much pride.  
Bruised, abandoned, no one caring;  
she cries her father's name:  
And hears a baby cry.  
    Baby in the darkest night  
    crying just for her;  
    Baby takes her pain and calls her  
    calling only her.*

*Old man, cardboard house collapsing,  
this his only home;  
Gasps and struggles, snow encrusted,  
dying all alone.  
Searching, needing, defeated, groping  
curses his life and all he's known:  
He hears a baby cry.  
    Baby in a cold dark cave  
    crying just for him;  
    Brought into this world to die  
    crying just for him.*

*Rich man inside glass and steel,  
sees the scene below.  
There are barriers, layers, shadows  
he has never known.  
Emptiness is his only guidance;  
he lives inside a void:  
Yet hears a baby cry.  
    Baby calling out his name  
    through all time and space;  
    reaching for him, reaching for us,  
    calling you and me.*

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Adagio ♩ = 70

G min C min

*mf*

1. Child - ren sleep - ing  
3. Old man, card - board

A7

D/A

G min/D

Dm D aug

G min

G min

C min

A7

D/A

un - der brid - ges dark Dec - em - ber rain  
house col - lap - sing, this his on - ly home; Wo - man beg - ging at the curb - side  
Gasps and strug - gles, snow en - crust - ed,

Gm

C 9/G

F/A

Cm

B $\flat$ /D

F $\sharp$ dim

Gm

cough - ing deep in pain.  
dy - ing all a - lone. Hope - less, fear - ing, des - per - ate, dar - ing  
Search - ing, need - ing. de - feat - ed, grop - ing

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15 Cm A D Gm Dm Eb Dsus D Gmin *mp* Cmin F7/A

head-lights shin - ing through the dark - ness: They hear a ba - by cry. Ba - by in the  
 curs - es his life and all he's known: He hears a ba - by cry. Ba - by in a

20 Bb D7/F# Gmin Cm7/Eb Am7(b5) D7 Gm7 Gmin/D Ab/C D

chaff - ing straw cry - ing just for them; Wrapped in rags, he knows their pain  
 cold dark cave cry - ing just for him; Brought in - to this world to die

25 Gm Eb D7 Gmin *mf* Gmin Cmin A7 D7 Gmin/D D Daug

cry - ing just for them. 2.Young girl stand-ing un - der street light wait - ing for a  
 cry - ing just for him. 4.Rich man in - side glass and steel, sees the scene be -

30 Gmin Gmin Cmin A7 D Gm Cm7 Fsus F7 G7

ride. Suff - o - cat - ing in a fev - er, ne-ver had much pride.  
 low. There are barr - iers, lay - ers, shad - ows he has nev - er known.

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35 Cm B $\flat$ /D F $\sharp$ dim G min C min A D G m D min/F

Bruised, a - band - doned, no - one car - ing; She cries her fath - er's name:  
Emp - ti - ness is his on - ly guid - ance; He lives in - side a void:

39 E $\flat$  Dsus D G min C min F7/A B $\flat$  D7/F $\sharp$  G min C m7/E $\flat$

And hears a ba - by cry. Ba - by in the dark - est night cry - ing just for  
Yet hears a ba - by cry. Ba - by call - ing out his name through all time and

44 A m7(b5) D7 G m7 G min/D A $\flat$ /C D G m A m7(b5) D7 G min

her; Ba - by takes her pain and calls her, call - ing on - ly her.  
space; reach - ing for him, reach - ing for us, call - ing you and me.

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