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'What a Piece of Work is Man'

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'What a Piece of Work is Man' is a play written by Denise Mulholland, premiered in 2017 at the National Festival of Youth Theatre in Ayr, Scotland. The play features this lullaby, setting text from William Shakespeare.

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Words by William Shakespeare

Plaintive (♩=60)

Fairy *pp*

You spot-ted snakes with dou-ble tongue, Thor-ny hedge-hogs be not seen;

Fairy *riten.*

Newts and blind-worms do no wrong: Come not near our fai-ry queen.

Un poco meno mosso

9

Chor. *p*

Phi - lo-mel, with me - lo - dy, Sing in our sweet lul - la - by;

Phi - lo-mel, with me - lo - dy, Sing our sweet lul - la - by;

13

Chor. *pp*

Lul - la, lul - la, lul - la - by; lul - la, lul - la, lul - la - by:

Lul - - - la - by, Lul - - - la - by,

17 *mp*

Chor. Ne - ver harm, nor spell nor charm, _____

_____ Come our love - ly

20 *lunga pp*

Chor. _____ So, good-night with lul - la - by.

_____ *lunga pp*

la - dy nigh: So, good-night with lul - la - by.

Tempo Primo

23 *mf*

Fairy Wea-ving spi-ders come not here, Hence, you long-legged spin-ners, hence!

27 *riten.*

Fairy Beet-les black, ap-proach not near; Worm, nor snail, do no of-fence

Un poco meno mosso

31 *p*

Chor. Phi - lo - mel, with me - lo - dy, Sing in our sweet lul - la - by; _____

_____ *p*

Phi - lo - mel, with me - lo - dy, Sing our sweet lul - la - by;

35

Chor. *pp*

Lul - la, lul - la, lul - la - by; lul - la, lul - la, lul - la - by:

Lul - - - la - by, Lul - - - la - by,

39 *mp*

Chor. Ne - ver harm, nor spell nor charm, _____

mp

Come our love - ly

42 *lunga*

Chor. So, good-night with lul - la - by.

la - dy nigh:

45 **Un poco più mosso**

Chor. *mf cresc.*

Phi - lo-mel, with me - lo - dy, Sing in our sweet lul - la - by; _____

Phi - lo-mel, with me - lo - dy, Sing our sweet lul - la - by;

49

Chor. *f*

Lul - la, lul - la, lul - la - by; lul - la, lul - la, lul - la - by:

Lul - - - la - by, Lul - - - la - by,

53

Chor.

Ne - ver harm, nor spell nor charm,

Come our love - ly la - dy night:

57 **accel.**

Chor. *cresc. molto*

So, good-night with lul - la - by. So, good-night with

60 *lunga* **Grave**

Chor. *ff* *lunga* *p*

lul - la - by. So, good-night with lul - la - by.