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HERE, WITH THE SHEEP AND OXEN MILD

p 1. Here, with the sheep and ox - en mild, sleep, sleep,
 2. Soft - ly be - fore His hum - ble bed, kneel, kneel,

The first system of music features a vocal line in the upper staff and piano accompaniment in the lower two staves. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/4. A tempo marking of quarter note = 96 is indicated. The piano part begins with a *p* dynamic and features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

sleep, Thou Ho - ly Child. An - gels from on high hov - er in the
 kneel and bow your head.

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent harmonic support for the vocal melody.

sky, Keep - ing watch a - bove th'in - car - nate God of love.

The third system concludes the piece with the final line of lyrics. The vocal line ends with a fermata, and the piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic resolution.