

A BABY WAS SLEEPING

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**G** **G6** **G** **G**  
A BABY WAS SLEEPING, ITS MOTHER WAS WEEPING  
**C** **G** **A** **D7**  
FOR HER HUSBAND WAS FAR ON THE WILD RAGING SEA,  
**C** **G** **G** **C**  
AND THE TEMPEST WAS SWELLING 'ROUND THE FISHERMAN'S DWELLING  
**G** **G6** **G** **G**  
AND SHE CRIED, "DERMOT, DARLING, OH, COME BACK TO ME!"  
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HER BEADS WHILE SHE NUMBERED THE BABY STILL SLUMBERED  
**C** **G** **A** **D7**  
AND SMILED IN HER FACE AS SHE BENDED HER KNEE  
**C** **G** **G** **C**  
"OH, BLESSED BE THAT WARNING, MY CHILD, THY SLEEP ADORNING,  
**G** **G6** **G** **G**  
FOR I KNOW THAT THE ANGELS ARE WHISPERING WITH THEE  
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"AND WHILE THEY ARE KEEPING BRIGHT WATCH O'ER THY SLEEPING,  
**C** **G** **A** **D7**  
OH, PRAY TO THEM SOFTLY, MY BABY, WITH ME:  
**C** **G** **G** **C**  
AND SAY THOU WOULD'ST RATHER THEY'D WATCH O'ER THY FATHER,  
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FOR I KNOW THAT THE ANGELS ARE WHISPERING WITH THEE  
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THE DAWN OF THE MORNING SAW DERMOT RETURNING  
**C** **G** **A** **D7**  
AND HIS WIFE WEPT WITH JOY HER BABE'S FATHER TO SEE  
**C** **G** **G** **C**  
AND CLOSELY CARESSING HER CHILD WITH A BLESSING, SAID,  
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I KNOW THAT THE ANGELS WERE WHISPERING WITH THEE