

# Now all the woods are sleeping

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Music: Heinrich Isaac, 1539

1 Now all the woods are sleep - ing, the night and still - ness creep - ing  
2 Why Sun, are you re - treat - ing, and Moon, in dance, now lead - ing  
3 Now ob - li - ga - tion ceas - es, this Night the tired re - leas - es  
4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, from ev - 'ry per - il sure - ly

o'er ci - ty, field, and beast; but thou, my heart, a - wake be,  
the anc - ient bal - lad, Night? Re - flect - ing rays, we glist - en,  
and bids you sleep be - gin: My love, there comes a mor - row  
pro - tect - ed be your heads; may hap - py slum - bers mend you,

with pray'r-ful thanks, at - tend thee, to dear - est Treas - ures ere thou rest.  
we laugh, and talk, and list - en, re-sound-ing, gen - tle notes of light.  
shall set thee free from sor - row, and all the anx - ious toil with - in.  
and ev - 'ry care at - tend you, as trus - ted souls watch o'er your beds.