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THE BABY THAT RESTS NEAR THE HEART.

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Andante con affetuoso.

Sweet bud of pure and ho - ly love, Oh,

how can I in lan-gage prove, Or how shall I to heav'n a-bove My

rit. *a tempo.*

gra - ti-tude im - part? Can there be aught in life more sweet, Than

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those fond smiles which moth-ers meet, From one who ren - ders bliss complete, The
ba-by that rests near the heart, The ba-by that rests near the heart.

ad lib.

Vouch-safe, most high, a

moth - er's prayer, Her dar - ling in - fant's life to spare; So shall its lit - tle
rit. a tempo.

tongue pre-pare Thy glo-ries to im-part An an - gel's shape, soft
 beau-ty's face, And all the count-less marks of grace, In that lov'd form fond
 moth-ers trace, The ba-by that rests near the heart, The ba - by that rests near the
 heart.

ad lib.