Rest, Sweet Nymphs

Text by an anonymous poet [Br]

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Rest	sweet	Nimphs	let	goulden	sleepe,
Rest	sweet	Nymphs	let	golden	sleep,
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Charme	your	star	brighter	eies,
Charm	your	star	brighter	eyes,
[t∫aɐ̯m	gcį	stag	'braːɪt.ɐ	a:ɪz]

Whiles my Lute the watch doth keep With pleasing simpathies, Lulla lullaby, Lulla lullaby, Sleepe sweetly, sleepe sweetly, Let nothing affright ye, In calme contentments lie.

Dreame faire virgins of delight
And blest Elizian groves:
Whiles the wandring shades of night
Resemble your true loves:
Lulla lullaby, Lulla lullaby,
Your kisses, your blisses
Send them by your wishes,
Although they be not nigh.

Thus deare damzelle I do give Good night and so am gone: With your hartes desires long live, Still joy, and never mone...

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Thank you!



¹ The IPA transcription is in Mid-Atlantic pronunciation.