

A Lullaby [ʌ 'lʌ.ə.ba:ɪ]

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I'll set you a-swing in a purple bell,
[a:ɪl set ju ə.'swɪŋ ɪn ʌ 'pɜ:.pəl bəl]

Of the lady finger,
[ɒv ðʌ 'le:ɪ.di 'fɪŋ.gə]

Where brown bees linger,
And loiter long,
I'll set you a-swing in a fairy dell,
To the silv'ry ring of a fairy song.
I'll put you in a float in a boat of pearl,
On a moonlit sea,
Where your path shall be
Of silver and blue,
To fairyland, children, sweet girl,
To its rose-strewn strand, bath'd in glist'ning dew.
I'll make you a nest, a soft, warm nest,
In my heart's core,
Alanniv asthore,
When day is gone,
Where cosily curl'd on mother's breast,
My share o' the world you'll rest till dawn.

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