Midnight Menageries

for treble voices and piano

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Ark Song

Goodnight Moon
sinks to his knees, ears fluttering with wren sounds.

The ocelot sighs in the panther’s lair.

The elephant woos the bear.

A gile monkey picks an unlawful mate to love.

Fate above picks an unlawful mate to love.

A gile monkey.
like the wind in grasses under the sea as your cool breath re-
kin-dles me. Radiant scrip-ture we shall learn on dark hay stored in creak-ing stern. Though lands-
men may find it shock-ing, we’ll match the ark’s roll with our own rock-ing.
while at the bow of our walnut shell, the lion fondles his sweet gazelle

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Come, beloved, while the storm creates symmetry out of form.

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Over us ocean, beneath us sky. Rising waters like clouds move by.

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Good night, socks, good night little house and good night mouse.

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Good night, kit tens and good night mit tens. Good night clocks, and

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Good night, bears. Good night, chairs.

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Good poco night, good night air.

whis’ring “hush.”

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no body, good-night mush, and good night to the old lady

Good night comb and good night brush.

Good night stars, good night air.
Good night, room; oh, good night, room; good night, room; oh, good night, room;