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Des Hold My Hands Tonight

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Tranquilly

P molto legato

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 6/8 time, featuring a flowing eighth-note melody in the right hand and a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand.

p

Some lit - tle child - ren hear a song
Oh, lit - tle hands so soft and white,

rit. *p*

The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with a *rit.* marking and a *p* dynamic.

that moth - er sweet - ly sings _____ When they are tired and
your mem - o - ry I keep _____ Could I but live that

The second system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment, with lyrics and blank lines for the vocal line.

bed - time comes, What joy and peace it brings _____
 time a gain, To lay you down to sleep _____

mp

And some sweet child - ren take their dolls to hold so snug and
 This lone - ly life that I have led would all seem gay and

mp

poco rit. *p*

tight _____ But my own dear - ie al ways said,
 bright _____ If I could on - ly hear you say,

poco rit. *p*

rall. 1 2 *pp*

"Des hold my hands to - night." _____
 "Des hold my hands to - night." _____

rall. *a tempo* *pp*