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☞ *Weep you no more sad fountains* ☞

"Weep you no more sad fountains" is based on an anonymous poem which was collected by John Dowland in the early 1600s. This poem is the perfect embodiment of youthful romanticism, there is a romantic view of nature, every thing is imbued with strong emotions. In "Weep no more sad fountains", the poet imagines that the sun sleeps and smiles, that streams represent the tears of the mountains, that eyes can melt like snow.

We have taken this song from the film "Sense and Sensibility". This film is available on our library and is based on the famous novel with the same title by Jane Austen.

A: Listen to the song and place the following words in the gapped text. Listen to the rhyme for help.

begets, reconciling, fountains, weeping, now, mountains,
fast, waste, sleeping, smiling, sets, weeping

Weep you no more sad _____
What need you flow so _____?
Look how the snowy _____
Heaven's sun doth gently _____

But my sun's heavenly eyes
View nor you _____,
That now lies _____
Softly, softly, now softly
Softly lies sleeping.

Sleep is a _____,
A rest that peace _____.
Doth not the sun rise _____
When fair at ev'n he _____?

Rest you then, rest, sad eyes,
Melt not in _____
While she lies sleeping
Softly, softly, _____ softly
Softly lies sleeping

B: Now the order of the verses has been changed. Try to restore the song to its original form and then listen to the song again and check.

Heaven's sun doth gently waste
weep you no more sad fountains;
Look how the snowy mountains
What need you flow so fast?

Softly lies sleeping.
View nor you weeping,
Softly, softly, now softly
But my sun's heavenly eyes
That now lies sleeping,

When fair at ev'n he sets?
A rest that peace begets.
Doth not the sun rise smiling
Sleep is a reconciling,

Softly lies sleeping
While she lies sleeping
Melt not in weeping,
Softly, softly, now softly
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