

56. O little one sweet

Tr. PERCY DEARMER

Old German melody*
harmonized by J. S. BACH
(1685-1750)

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild, Thy Fa - ther's
2. O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild, With joy thou

TENOR
BASS

pur - pose thou hast ful - filled; Thou can'st from heav'n to
hast the whole world filled; Thou cam - est here from

mor - tal ken, E - qual to be with us poor
heav'n's do - main, To bring men com - fort in their

men, O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild.
pain, O lit - tle one sweet, O lit - tle one mild.

3. O little one sweet, O little one mild,
In thee love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame,
That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

4. O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Help us to do as thou hast willed.
Lo, all we have belongs to thee!
Ah, keep us in our fealty!
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

*Words and melody first appeared in Samuel Scheidt's *Tablaturbuch* (1650) and may have been written by him.