

THE INFANT REQUEST L. M.

"And Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not." – Mark 10:14

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1. For just be - fore the fa - tal hour, In which cold death did nip the flow - er,

2. The flow - er bud - ded: hope was strong; But hope could not its life pro - long;

He begg'd me- and it makes me weep- To sing my lit - tle one to sleep.

For soon, too soon a - las, I'm made to see it blos - som but to fade.

Not much is known about W. T. Webb, author of "The Infant Request", except that he was for some time after the Civil War a member of the Southern Musical Convention. It has been learned from reliable sources that the words to the tune were composed in memory of the infant child of Mr. Webb. Those who have had such experience can more readily appreciate the words in this tune.