

ELENA · SCOTLAND

Bà Bà Mo Leanabh

Key: Am

~56 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

Am **Dm** **Am**
Bà, bà, mo leanabh beag,
Dm **Am** **E7**
bà, bà, mo leanabh beag.
(Hush, hush, my little baby – hush, hush, my little baby.)
Am **Dm** **Am**
Hush, hush, my little one,
Dm **Am** **E7**
rest till the night is done.

VERSE 2

Am **Dm** **Am**
Dèan cadalan sàmhach, a chuilein,
Dm **Am** **E7**
tha mi 'n seo dlùth ort.
(Sleep peacefully, my darling – I am here, close beside you.)
Am **Dm** **Am**
Sleep now, peaceful, close your eyes,
Dm **Am** **E7**
I am close, right by your side.

Am

Bà Bà Mo Leanabh ("Hush, Hush, My Little Baby") is a traditional Scottish Gaelic lullaby from the Highlands and Western Isles. Like many Gaelic cradle songs, it leans on soft repeated sounds — "bà, bà" — that rock back and forth like the cradle itself, more feeling than words. It has been carried from mother to child, and singer to singer, for well over a century.

Traditional Scottish Gaelic lullaby. The English lines here are a singable adaptation for this arrangement, offered as a respectful tribute — not a literal translation.

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