



Blow breezes
o'er the flow'ry lea

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(1863-1930)

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Blow breezes o'er the flowery lea,
The whispers of my heart;
There wild thyme to the honey bee
Its sweet soul doth impart.
O wind of love! catch on thy wing
The light that floods the sky;
When day is setting to her bring
My love's soft lullaby.

Soft gales waft over her,
Spirits of day!
With your wings cover her,
Guide her away;
Watch o'er her weariness,
Spirits of light!
Over her couch of peace,
Sing ye good night!

William Whiting (1825-1878)

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Andante grazioso e tranquillo ♩. = 52

S *p* Blow breez - es o'er the flow'r - y lea The

A *p* Blow breez - es o'er the flow'r - y

T *p* Blow breez - es o'er the flow'r - y

B *p* Blow breez - es o'er the flow'r - y,

S ⁵ whis - pers of my heart; There wild thyme to the hon - ey

A lea The whis - pers of my heart;

T lea The whis - pers of my heart; There wild thyme

B flow'r - y lea,

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S
bee _____ Its sweet soul doth im - part. _____

A
There wild thyme to the bee _____ Its sweet soul doth im - part. _____

T
to _____ the bee _____ doth _____ im - part. _____

B
Its sweet soul doth _____ im - part, _____ doth im - part. _____

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S
mf O _____ wind of love! catch on thy wing _____ The light _____ that *dim.*

A
mf O _____ wind of love! catch on thy wing _____ The light _____ that *dim.*

T
mf O _____ wind of love! catch on thy wing _____ The light _____ that *dim.*

B
mf O _____ wind of love! catch on thy wing _____ The light _____ that *dim.*

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S
p floods the sky; When day _____ is set - ting to her _____

A
p floods the sky; When day _____ is set - ting to her

T
p floods the sky; When day _____ is set - ting to her _____

B
p floods the sky; When day _____ is set - ting to her

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S bring, when day is set - ting to her

A bring, when day is set - ting to her

T bring, when day is set - ting to her

B bring, when day is set - ting to her

25

S bring My love's soft lul - la - by,

A bring, to her bring My love's soft

T bring, to her bring My love's soft

B bring My love's soft lul - la - by,

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S my love's soft lul - la - by,

A lul - la - by, my love's soft lul - la -

T lul - la - by, my love's soft lul - la -

B my love's soft lul - la - by,

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S *p* my lul - la - by. *dim.* *pp dolce* Soft gales waft

A by, *p* my lul - la - by. *pp dolce* Soft gales waft

T *p* by, my lul - la - by. *pp dolce* Soft gales waft

B *pp dolce* Soft gales waft

37

S o - ver her, Spi - rits of day! With your wings

A o - ver her, Spi - rits of day! With your wings

T o - ver her, Spi - rits of day! With your wings

B o - ver her, Spi - rits of day! With your wings

41

S cov - er her, Guide her al - way; *mf* Watch o'er her

A cov - er her, Guide her al - way; *mf* Watch o'er her

T cov - er her, Guide her al - way; *mf* Watch o'er her

B cov - er her, Guide her al - way; *mf* Watch o'er her

45

S wear - i - ness, Spi - rits of light! O - ver her

A wear - i - ness, Spi - rits of light! O - ver her

T wear - i - ness, Spi - rits of light! O - ver her

B wear - i - ness, Spi - rits of light! O - ver her

49

S couch of peace, Sing ye good night,

A couch of peace, Sing good night, sing

T couch of peace, Sing ye good night, sing

B couch of peace, Sing ye good night,

53

S *rall.* *pp* good night!

A *rall.* *pp* ye good night, good night!

T *rall.* *pp* ye good night, good night!

B *rall.* *pp* good night!

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