



# Summer morning

James Coward  
(1824-1880)

**James Coward** (1824-1880) was born in St. John the Evangelist, Middlesex, England, and sang as chorister in Westminster Abbey. He became a skilled organist and held positions at Lambeth Parish Church; St. George's Church, Bloomsbury; St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge; the Sacred Harmonic Society; and the Grand Lodge of Freemasons; and was long-time Organist at the Crystal Palace at Sydenham. He was also conductor of the Abbey Glee Club, the City Glee Club, and the Western Madrigal Society. He died in London. His brother, William (1826-1873), was an alto singer in Westminster Abbey. His compositions include anthems, organ pieces, piano pieces, glees, songs, and part songs.

'Tis sweet to meet the morning breeze,  
Or list the gurgling of the brook;  
Or, stretched beneath the shade of trees,  
Peruse and pause on Nature's book.  
Now let me tread the meadow paths  
While glittering dew the ground illumines,  
As, sprinkled o'er the withering swaths,  
Their moisture shrinks in sweet perfumes;  
And hear the beetle sound his horn;  
And hear the skylark whistling nigh,  
Sprung from his bed of tufted corn,  
A hailing minstrel from the sky.

John Clare (1793-1864)

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Moderato

S *p* 'Tis sweet to meet \_\_\_\_\_ the morn - ing breeze, Or

A *p* 'Tis sweet to meet 'Tis the morn - ing breeze, Or

T *p* 'Tis sweet to meet the morn - ing breeze, Or

B *p* 'Tis sweet to meet the morn - ing breeze, Or

S<sup>5</sup> list \_\_\_\_\_ the gur - gling of \_\_\_\_\_ the brook; \_\_\_\_\_ Or,

A list the gur - gling of the brook; \_\_\_\_\_ Or,

T list \_\_\_\_\_ the gur - gling of the brook; Or, stretch'd be -

B list the gur - gling of the brook; \_\_\_\_\_

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S stretch'd — be - neath — the shade — of trees, Pe -

A stretch'd be - neath the shade of trees, Pe -

T neath — the shade of trees, — Pe -

B — — — — — Pe -

15

S ruse and pause — on Na - ture's book, Pe -

A ruse and pause on Na - ture's book, Pe -

T ruse and pause on Na - ture's book, Pe -

B ruse and pause on Na - ture's book, Pe -

*rall.*

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S ruse — and pause — on Na - ture's book.

A ruse and pause on Na - ture's book.

T ruse and pause on Na - ture's book.

B ruse and pause on Na - ture's book.

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23 *p*

S Now let me tread the mead - ow paths While

A Now let me tread the mead - ow paths While

T Now let me tread the mead - ow paths While

B Now let me tread the mead - ow paths While

28 *cresc.* *p*

S glit - t'ring dew the ground il - lumes, As,

A *cresc.* glit - t'ring dew the ground il - lumes, As,

T *cresc.* glit - t'ring dew the ground il - lumes, As,

B *cresc.* glit - t'ring dew the ground il - lumes, As,

32

S sprin - kled o'er the with - 'ring swaths, Their

A sprin - kled o'er the with - 'ring swaths, Their

T sprin - kled o'er the with - 'ring swaths, Their

B sprin - kled o'er the with - 'ring swaths, Their

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36 *rall.*

S  
mois - ture shrinks in sweet per - fumes;

A  
*rall.*  
mois - ture shrinks in sweet per - fumes;

T  
*rall.*  
mois - ture shrinks in sweet per - fumes;

B  
*rall.*  
mois - ture shrinks in sweet per - fumes;

## Moderato

S  
*p*  
And hear the bee - tle sound his horn; And

A  
*p*  
And hear the bee - tle sound his horn; And

T  
*p*  
And hear the bee - tle sound his horn; And

B  
*p*  
And hear the bee - tle sound his horn; And

44

S  
hear the skyl - ark whis - tling nigh, Sprung

A  
hear the skyl - ark whis - tling nigh, Sprung

T  
hear the skyl - ark whis - tling nigh, Sprung from his

B  
hear the skyl - ark whis - tling nigh,

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49

S from his bed of tuft - ed corn, A

A from his bed of tuft - ed corn, A

T bed of tuft - ed corn, A

B bed of tuft - ed corn, A

54

S hail - ing min - strel from the sky, A

A hail - ing min - strel from the sky, A

T hail - ing min - strel from the sky, A

B hail - ing min - strel from the sky, A

58

S hail - ing min - strel from the sky.

A hail - ing min - strel from the sky.

T hail - ing min - strel from the sky.

B hail - ing min - strel from the sky.

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