



The Sun is bright

James Coward
(1824-1880)

Allegretto

S
The sun _____ is bright, - the air _____ is clear, The

A
The sun is bright, - the air is clear, The

T
The sun is bright, - the air _____ is clear, The

B
The sun is bright, - the air is clear, The

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S wind - ing riv - er flows, It seems an

A wind - ing riv - er flows, It seems an

T wind - ing riv - er flows, It seems an

B wind - ing riv - er flows, It seems an

16

S out - let from the sky, Where wait - ing *cresc.*

A out - let from the sky, Where wait - ing *cresc.*

T out - let from the sky, Where wait - ing *cresc.*

B out - let from the sky, Where wait - ing *cresc.*

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S till the west - wind blows, The freight - ed *f >*

A till the west - wind blows, The freight - ed *f >*

T till the west - wind blows, The freight - ed *f >*

B till the west - wind blows, The freight - ed *f >*

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24 *p*

S clouds at an - chor lie, the freight - ed

A clouds at an - chor lie, the freight - ed

T clouds at an - chor lie, the freight - ed

B clouds at an - chor lie, the freight - ed

28 *rall.* *Allegretto*

S clouds at an - chor lie. All things are new;- the

A clouds at an - chor lie. All things are new;- the

T clouds at an - chor lie. All things are new;- the

B clouds at an - chor lie. All things are new;- the

32 *p*

S buds, the leaves, That gild the elm - tree's nod - ding crest, And

A buds, the leaves, That gild the elm - tree's nod - ding crest, And

T buds, the leaves, That gild the elm - tree's nod - ding crest, And

B buds, the leaves, That gild the elm - tree's nod - ding crest, And

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S ev'n the nest — be - neath the eaves;— There are — no birds in

A ev'n the nest be - neath the eaves;— There are no birds in

T ev'n the nest — be - neath the eaves;— There are no birds in

B ev'n — the nest be - neath — the eaves;— There are no birds in

cresc.

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S last — year's nest! There are — no birds — in last — year's nest!

A last year's nest! There are no birds in last year's nest!

T last year's nest! There are no birds in last year's nest!

B last year's nest! There are no birds in last year's nest!

f *rall.*

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Moderato

S All things re - jice in youth and love, The

A All things re - jice in youth and love, The

T All things re - jice in youth and — love, The

B All things re - jice in youth — and — love, The

f

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S
ful - ness of their first de - light!

A
ful - ness of their first de - light! *p* And learn from

T
ful - ness of their first de - light! *p* And _____ learn _____

B
ful - ness of their first de - light! _____

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S
soft heav'ns a - bove _____ The *pp*

A
the soft heav'ns a - bove _____ The *pp*

T
_____ from the soft heav'ns _____ The *pp*

B
_____ from the soft heav'ns The *p* melt - ing *pp*

53

S
ten - der - ness of night, _____ the

A
ten - der - ness of night, _____ the

T
ten - der - ness of night, _____ the

B
ten - der - ness of night, the melt - ing

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S ten - der - ness of night, the melt - ing

A ten - der - ness of night, the melt - ing

T ten - der - ness of night, the melt - ing

B ten - der - ness of night, the melt - ing

61

S ten - der - ness of night, *pp* the

A ten - der - ness of night, *pp* the

T ten - der - ness of night, *pp* the

B ten - der - ness of night, the melt - ing *pp*

63 *rall.*

S ten - der - ness of night.

A ten - der - ness of night.

T ten - der - ness of night.

B ten - der - ness of night.

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.

IT IS NOT ALWAYS MAY
No hay pajaros en los nidos de antano.
Spanish Proverb

The sun is bright,— the air is clear,
The darting swallows soar and sing.
And from the stately elms I hear
The bluebird prophesying Spring.
So blue yon winding river flows,
It seems an outlet from the sky,
Where waiting till the west-wind blows,
The freighted clouds at anchor lie.
All things are new;— the buds, the leaves,
That gild the elm-tree's nodding crest,
And even the nest beneath the eaves;—
There are no birds in last year's nest!
All things rejoice in youth and love,
The fulness of their first delight!
And learn from the soft heavens above
The melting tenderness of night.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

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