



The Whippoorwill

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(1849-1930)

Thomas Jefferson Douthitt (1849-1930) was born in Pennsylvania. He taught vocal music in New Brighton, New Castle, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He died in Sheraden (Pittsburgh). His few compositions were for pedagogical use and appear in song books for singing schools.

The sun had sunk in the crimson west,
And earth in her twilight robe was dressed;
The soft note rose from the distant hills,
The nightly song of the Whippoorwill.

*Whippoorwill, Whippoorwill,
The nightly song of the Whippoorwill.*

That voice to me from an angel seems,
It brings to the mind my childhood dreams,
As thoughts of mingled sweetness thrill
That listens to the soft Whippoorwill.

I love that voice, O, I love to hear
Its music, so fills the night air clear,
What care the heart's rude passions still;
Its nightly song of the Whippoorwill.

The Whippoorwill

T. J. Douthitt

S
The sun had sunk in the crim - son west, And earth in her twi - light robe was dressed; The

A
The sun had sunk in the crim - son west, And earth in her twi - light robe was dressed; The

T
The sun had sunk in the crim - son west, And earth in her twi - light robe was dressed; The

B
The sun had sunk in the crim - son west, And earth in her twi - light robe was dressed; The

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S
soft note rose from the dis - tant hills, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

A
soft note rose from the dis - tant hills, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

T
soft note rose from the dis - tant hills, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

B
soft note rose from the dis - tant hills, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

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S
mf Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

A
The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

T
mf Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

B
The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

The Whippoorwill

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ff Whip - poor - will, *pp* Whip - poor - will, *ff* Whip - poor - will,

ff Whip - poor - will, *pp* Whip - poor - will, *ff* Whip - poor - will,

ff Whip - poor - will, *pp* Whip - poor - will, *ff* Whip - poor - will,

ff Whip - poor - will, *pp* Whip - poor - will, *ff* Whip - poor - will,

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pp Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

pp Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

pp Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

pp Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

Tempo 1

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That voice to me from an an - gel seems, It brings to the mind my child - hood dreams, As

That voice to me from an an - gel seems, It brings to the mind my child - hood dreams, As

That voice to me from an an - gel seems, It brings to the mind my child - hood dreams, As

That voice to me from an an - gel seems, It brings to the mind my child - hood dreams, As

The Whippoorwill

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S thoughts of min - gled sweet - ness — thrill That lis - tens to the soft Whip - poor - will.

A thoughts of min - gled sweet - ness thrill That lis - tens to the soft Whip - poor - will.

T thoughts of min - gled sweet - ness — thrill That lis - tens to the soft Whip - poor - will.

B thoughts of min - gled sweet - ness thrill That lis - tens to the soft Whip - poor - will.

27 *mf*

S Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

A The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

T *mf* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

B The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

31 *ff* *pp* *ff*

S Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

A *ff* *pp* *ff* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

T *ff* *pp* *ff* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

B *ff* *pp* *ff* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

The Whippoorwill

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S *pp* Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

A *pp* Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

T *pp* Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

B *pp* Whip - poor - will, *f* The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

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S I I that voice, O, I love to hear Its mu - sic, so fills the night air clear, What

A I love that voice, O, I love to hear Its mu - sic, so fills the night air clear, What

T I love that voice, O, I love to hear Its mu - sic, so fills the night air clear, What

B I love that voice, O, I love to hear Its mu - sic, so fills the night air clear, What

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S care the heart's rude pas - sions still; Its night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

A care the heart's rude pas - sions still; Its night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

T care the heart's rude pas - sions still; Its night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

B care the heart's rude pas - sions still; Its night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

The Whippoorwill

46 *mf*

S Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

A - - - - - The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

T *mf* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

B - - - - - The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will;

50 *ff* *pp* *ff*

S Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

A *ff* *pp* *ff* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

T *ff* *pp* *ff* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

B *ff* *pp* *ff* Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will, Whip - poor - will,

53 *pp* *f*

S Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

A *pp* *f* Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

T *pp* *f* Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

B *pp* *f* Whip - poor - will, The night - ly song of the Whip - poor - will.

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