



Cuckoo Song

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(1846-1936)

John R. Dunham (1846-1936) was born in Decatur, Ohio. After moving west, he taught music in Keota, Iowa, and in Illinois. He lived in Chicago for a time and published music while living there. He settled in Rutland, Illinois, and conducted singing schools and music conventions throughout the region. He died in Ottawa, Illinois. His compositions were small pedagogical works.

How dear are the joys of spring time,
We feel not a sorrow or care,
When the feathered warblers' music
Softly floats on the balmy air.

Hark, hark!
Cuckoo, cuckoo,
List, list!
Cuckoo, cuckoo,
Swiftly the evening glides along,
As we list to the cuckoo's song.

They fly to the cot and palace,
They soar over hill and mead,
And sing to the lonely shepherd,
And the flocks that round him feed.

They bring back the scenes of childhood,
The days that are past and gone,
When often I used to listen
To the cuckoo's plaintive song.

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Not too fast

S
How dear are the joys of spring time, We feel not a sor - row or care, When the

A
How dear are the joys of spring time, We feel not a sor - row or care, When the

T
How dear are the joys of spring time, We feel not a sor - row or care, When the

B
How dear are the joys of spring time, We feel not a sor - row or care, When the

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S
feath - er'd warb - lers' mu - sic Soft - ly floats on the balm - y air.

A
feath - er'd warb - lers' mu - sic Soft - ly floats on the balm - y air.

T
feath - er'd warb - lers' mu - sic Soft - ly floats on the balm - y air.

B
feath - er'd warb - lers' mu - sic Soft - ly floats on the balm - y air.

CHORUS

DUET

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Cuck - oo, cuck - oo, Cuck - oo, cuck - oo,

S Hark, hark! List, list!

A Hark, hark! List, list!

T Hark, hark! List, list!

B Hark, hark! List, list!

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cuck - oo, cuck - oo, cuck - oo, cuck - oo, List to the cuck - oo's song.

S Swift - ly the ev - 'ning glides a - long, As we list to the cuck - oo's song.

A Swift - ly the ev - 'ning glides a - long, As we list to the cuck - oo's song.

T Swift - ly the ev - 'ning glides a - long, As we list to the cuck - oo's song.

B Swift - ly the ev - 'ning glides a - long, As we list to the cuck - oo's song.

VERSE 2

S They fly to the cot and pal - ace, They soar o - ver hill and mead, And

A They fly to the cot and pal - ace, They soar o - ver hill and mead, And

T They fly to the cot and pal - ace, They soar o - ver hill and mead, And

B They fly to the cot and pal - ace, They soar o - ver hill and mead, And

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S sing to the lone - ly shep - herd, And the flocks that round him feed.

A sing to the lone - ly shep - herd, And the flocks that round him feed.

T sing to the lone - ly shep - herd, And the flocks that round him feed.

B sing to the lone - ly shep - herd, And the flocks that round him feed.

VERSE 3

S They bring back the scenes of child - hood, The days that are past and gone, When

A They bring back the scenes of child - hood, The days that are past and gone, When

T They bring back the scenes of child - hood, The days that are past and gone, When

B They bring back the scenes of child - hood, The days that are past and gone, When

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S oft - en I used to lis - ten To the cuck - oo's plain - tive song.

A oft - en I used to lis - ten To the cuck - oo's plain - tive song.

T oft - en I used to lis - ten To the cuck - oo's plain - tive song.

B oft - en I used to lis - ten To the cuck - oo's plain - tive song.

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