



Song of the Quail

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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.

The merry lark now chants his lay,
While proudly soaring t'ward the sun,
In sweetest strains so free today;
Oh, list! how pure his accents run,
But I, a quail beneath the hedge
Will whistle away with all my might.

*Bob White, Bob White, Bob White, Bob White,
O hear his merry song;
Bob White, Bob White, Bob White, Bob White,
It brightly floats along!
Hark! hark! Hark! hark!
O hear his merry song;
Hark! hark! Hark! hark!
It brightly floats along.
Bob White, Bob White, Bob White, Bob White,
Whito, whito, whito, whito.*

The mockingbird in lofty tree
Pours forth his notes, quite like the lark,
And does his best to sing like me;
I think 'tis hardly fair, but hark!
I'll be content beneath the hedge,
And whistle away with all my might.

Yes, other birds may sweeter sing,
And others still may look more fair,
While many soar on loftier wing;
I'm blithe and free without a care.
Though I'm a quail beneath the hedge,
I whistle away with all my might.

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J. R. Dunham

S
The mer - ry lark — now chants his lay, While proud - ly soar - ing

A
The mer - ry lark — now chants his lay, While proud - ly soar - ing

T
The mer - ry lark now chants his lay, While proud - ly soar - ing

B
The mer - ry lark now chants his lay, While proud - ly soar - ing

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S
t'ward the sun, In sweet - est strains so free to - day; Oh, list! how pure his

A
t'ward the sun, In sweet - est strains so free to - day; Oh, list! how pure his

T
t'ward the sun, In sweet - est strains so free to - day; Oh, list! how pure his

B
t'ward the sun, In sweet - est strains so free to - day; Oh, list! how pure his

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S
ac - cents run, _____

A
ac - cents run, _____

T
ac - cents run, _____ Will

B
ac - cents run, _____ But I, a quail be - neath — the hedge

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obligato Bob White, Bob White, *echo ** Bob White, Bob White.

S
A
T
B

whis - tle a - way with all my might.

O
O
O

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obligato Bob White, Bob White, *echo* Bob White, Bob White.

S
A
T
B

hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

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obligato Bob White, *echo* Bob White, *obligato* Whit -

S
A
T
B

bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

* the Echo is for one voice in an adjoining room.

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obbligato *echo* *obbligato*

Bob White, Bob White, Whit -

hear his mer - ry song; Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

hear his mer - ry song; Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

hear his mer - ry song; Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

hear his mer - ry song; Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

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echo

Whit - o, whit - o, whit - o.

bright - ly floats a - long.

bright - ly floats a - long.

bright - ly floats a - long.

bright - ly floats a - long.

S The mock - ing - bird in loft - y tree Pours forth his notes, quite

A The mock - ing - bird in loft - y tree Pours forth his notes, quite

T The mock - ing - bird in loft - y tree Pours forth his notes, quite

B The mock - ing - bird in loft - y tree Pours forth his notes, quite

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S like the lark, And does his best — to sing like me; I think 'tis hard - ly

A like the lark, And does his best — to sing like me; I think 'tis hard - ly

T like the lark, And does his best to sing like me; I think 'tis hard - ly

B like the lark, And does his best to sing like me; I think 'tis hard - ly

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S fair, but hark! _____

A fair, but hark! _____

T fair, but hark! _____ And

B fair, but hark! _____ I'll be con - tent be - neath — the hedge,

obbligato

*echo **

Bob White, Bob White, Bob White, Bob White.

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S _____

A _____ O

T whis - tle a - way with all — my might. O

B _____ O

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obligato Bob White, Bob White, *echo* Bob White, Bob White.

S hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

A hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

T⁸ hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

B hear his mer - ry song; _____ It

50

obligato Bob White, *echo* Bob White, *obligato* Whit -

S bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

A bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

T⁸ bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

B bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

54

obligato Bob White, *echo* Bob White, *obligato* Whit -

S o, whit - o, whit - o, hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

A hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

T⁸ hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

B hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

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S o, whit - o, whit - o, *echo* Whit - o, whit - o, whit - o.

bright - ly floats a - long.

A bright - ly floats a - long.

T ⁸ bright - ly floats a - long.

B bright - ly floats a - long.

S Yes, oth - er birds — may sweet - er sing, And oth - ers still — may

A Yes, oth - er birds — may sweet - er sing, And oth - ers still may

T ⁸ Yes, oth - er birds may sweet - er sing, And oth - ers still may

B Yes, oth - er birds may sweet - er sing, And oth - ers still may

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S look more fair, While ma - ny soar — on loft - ier wing; I'm blithe and free with -

A look more fair, While ma - ny soar — on loft - ier wing; I'm blithe and free with -

T ⁸ look more fair, While ma - ny soar on loft - ier wing; I'm blithe and free with -

B look more fair, While ma - ny soar on loft - ier wing; I'm blithe and free with -

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S out a care.

A out a care.

T out a care. I

B out a care. Though I'm a quail be - neath the hedge,

obbligato

*echo **

Bob White, Bob White, Bob White, Bob White.

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S

A

T whis - tle a - way with all my might. O

B O

obbligato

echo

Bob White, Bob White, Bob White, Bob White.

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S hear his mer - ry song; It

A hear his mer - ry song; It

T hear his mer - ry song; It

B hear his mer - ry song; It

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obbligato Bob White, *echo* Bob White, *obbligato* Whit -

S bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark!

A bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

T bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

B bright - ly floats a - long! _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! O

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obbligato Bob White, *echo* Bob White, *obbligato* Whit -

S o, whit - o, whit - o, hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

A o, whit - o, whit - o, hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

T o, whit - o, whit - o, hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

B o, whit - o, whit - o, hear his mer - ry song; _____ Hark! hark! Hark! hark! It

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echo Whit - o, whit - o, whit - o.

S bright - ly floats a - long. _____

A bright - ly floats a - long. _____

T bright - ly floats a - long. _____

B bright - ly floats a - long. _____

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