



The Watermill

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(1852-1928)

George W. Fields (1852-1928) was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and established a strong reputation as a music teacher in the state. He moved west and held music normal schools and singing schools in Kansas and Iowa. He settled in Shenandoah, Iowa. There he taught music, travelling throughout the region, and operated a music publishing business. His most widely distributed publication was the class book the "Song Eureka." He died in in Shenandoah, Iowa. His compositions were tailored for music instruction.

When springtime comes with fairy step
Upon the sunny hill,
We love to wander by the stream,
And listen to the mill.

We think, as there we stand alone,
As the brooklet murmurs past,
That the mill will never grind again
With the water that has passed.

*Then listen to the watermill,
As the brooklet murmurs by,
Oh, the mill will never grind again
With the water that has passed.*

It calls us back to happy days,
When 'neath a cloudless sky,
We wandered to the watermill
To watch the stream go by.

Oh, happy days we loved so well,
They could not always last,
But like the water by the mill,
They glided on too fast.

Thus ever like the running stream,
Our days glide swiftly away,
And though they bring us joy or grief,
They never come to stay.

They turn awhile the old millwheel,
To grind the golden grain,
Then like the water in the brook,
They never come again.

A. K. Mills

The Watermill

G. W. Fields

Playfully

S
When spring - time comes with fair - y step Up - on the sun - ny hill, We

A
When spring - time comes with fair - y step Up - on the sun - ny hill, We

T
When spring - time comes with fair - y step Up - on the sun - ny hill, We

B
When spring - time comes with fair - y step Up - on the sun - ny hill, We

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S
love to wan - der by the stream, And lis - ten to the mill.

A
love to wan - der by the stream, And lis - ten to the mill.

T
love to wan - der by the stream, And lis - ten to the mill.

B
love to wan - der by the stream, And lis - ten to the mill.

S
We think, as there we stand a - lone, As the brook - let mur - murs past, That the

A
We think, as there we stand a - lone, As the brook - let mur - murs past, That the

T
We think, as there we stand a - lone, As the brook - let mur - murs past, That the

B
We think, as there we stand a - lone, As the brook - let mur - murs past, That the

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S mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

A mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

T mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

B mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

REFRAIN

S Then lis - ten to the wa - ter - mill, As the brook - let mur - murs by, Oh, the

A Then lis - ten to the wa - ter - mill, wa - ter - mill, As the brook - let mur - murs by, Oh, the

T Then lis - ten to the wa - ter - mill, wa - ter - mill, As the brook - let mur - murs by, Oh, the

B Then lis - ten to the wa - ter - mill, wa - ter - mill, As the brook - let mur - murs by, Oh, the

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S mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

A mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

T mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

B mill will nev - er grind a - gain With the wa - ter that has passed.

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VERSE 2

S It calls us back to hap - py days, When 'neath a cloud - less sky, We

A It calls us back to hap - py days, When 'neath a cloud - less sky, We

T It calls us back to hap - py days, When 'neath a cloud - less sky, We

B It calls us back to hap - py days, When 'neath a cloud - less sky, We

²⁹S wan - dered to the wa - ter - mill To watch the stream go by.

A wan - dered to the wa - ter - mill To watch the stream go by.

T wan - dered to the wa - ter - mill To watch the stream go by.

B wan - dered to the wa - ter - mill To watch the stream go by.

S Oh, hap - py days we loved so well, They could not al - ways last, But

A Oh, hap - py days we loved so well, They could not al - ways last, But

T Oh, hap - py days we loved so well, They could not al - ways last, But

B Oh, hap - py days we loved so well, They could not al - ways last, But

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S like the wa - ter by the mill, They glid - ed on too fast.

A like the wa - ter by the mill, They glid - ed on too fast.

T like the wa - ter by the mill, They glid - ed on too fast.

B like the wa - ter by the mill, They glid - ed on too fast.

VERSE 3

S Thus ev - er like the run - ning stream, Our days glide swift - ly a - way, And

A Thus ev - er like the run - ning stream, Our days glide swift - ly a - way, And

T Thus ev - er like the run - ning stream, Our days glide swift - ly a - way, And

B Thus ev - er like the run - ning stream, Our days glide swift - ly a - way, And

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S tho' they bring us joy or grief, They nev - er come to stay.

A tho' they bring us joy or grief, They nev - er come to stay.

T tho' they bring us joy or grief, They nev - er come to stay.

B tho' they bring us joy or grief, They nev - er come to stay.

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S They turn a - while the old mill - wheel, To grind the gold - en grain, Then

A They turn a - while the old mill - wheel, To grind the gold - en grain, Then

T They turn a - while the old mill - wheel, To grind the gold - en grain, Then

B They turn a - while the old mill - wheel, To grind the gold - en grain, Then

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S like the wa - ter in the brook, They nev - er come a - gain.

A like the wa - ter in the brook, They nev - er come a - gain.

T like the wa - ter in the brook, They nev - er come a - gain.

B like the wa - ter in the brook, They nev - er come a - gain.

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