



# The Meaning of the Song

John B. Grant  
(1850-1912)

# What is the Meaning of the Song

John B. Grant

♩ = 96

S  
A  
T  
B

What is the mean - ing of the song That rings so clear and

S  
A  
T  
B

loud; Thou night - in - gale a - mid the copse,

S  
A  
T  
B

Thou lark a - bove the cloud? What

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S says the song, thou joy - ous thrush Up - on the wal - nut

A says the song, — thou — joy - ous thrush Up - on the wal - nut

T says the song, thou — joy - ous thrush — Up - on the wal - nut

B says the song, — thou — joy - ous thrush — Up - on — the wal - nut

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S tree? "I love mylove be - cause I know, I know My love loves

A tree? — "I love mylove be - cause I know, I know My love, my love — loves

T tree? — "I love mylove be - cause I know, I know — My love, my love — loves

B tree? — "I love mylove be - cause I know, I know — My love, my love — loves

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S me, *molto rit.* *pp* loves — me. *ff* *a tempo* I love my love be - cause I know my

A me, *molto rit.* *pp* loves me. *ff* *a tempo* I love my love be - cause I know my

T me, *molto rit.* *pp* loves me. *ff* *a tempo* I love my love be - cause I know my

B me, *pp* *molto rit.* loves loves me. *ff* *a tempo* I love my love be - cause I know my

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S love loves me." What is the mean - ing of thy thought,

A love loves me." What is the mean - ing of thy thought,

T love loves me." What is the mean - ing of thy thought,

B love loves me." What is the mean - ing of thy thought,

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S O mai - den fair and young? There is such plea - sure in thine eyes,

A O mai - den fair and young? There is such plea - sure in thine eyes,

T O mai - den fair and young? There is such plea - sure in thine eyes,

B O mai - den fair and young? There is such plea - sure in thine eyes,

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S Such mu - sic in thy tongue; There is such glo - ry

A Such mu - sic in thy tongue; There is such glo - ry

T Such mu - sic in thy tongue; There is such glo - ry

B Such mu - sic in thy tongue; There is such glo - ry

*pp* *Lento* *a tempo* *f*

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S in thy face— What can the mean - ing be? "I

A in thy face— What can the mean - ing be? "I

T in thy face— What can the mean - ing be? "I

B in thy face— What can the mean - ing be? "I

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S love my love be - cause I know, I know My love loves\_\_

A love my love be - cause I know, I know My love, my love\_\_ loves

T love my love be - cause I know, I know My love, my love\_\_ loves\_\_

B love my love be - cause I know, I know My love, my love\_\_ loves\_\_

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S me, loves\_\_ me. I love my love be - cause I know My love\_\_ loves\_\_

A me, loves\_\_ me. I love my love be - cause I know My love\_\_ loves\_\_

T me, loves\_\_ me. I love my love be - cause I know My love\_\_ loves\_\_

B me, my love loves me. I love my love be - cause I know My love loves

*molto rit.* *pp* *ff* *a tempo* *p*

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S me." O hap - py words, at beau - ty's feet, We say them in our

A me." O hap - py words, at beau - ty's feet, We say them in our

T me." O hap - py words, at beau - ty's feet, We say them in our

B me." O hap - py words, at beau - ty's feet, We say them in our

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S prime, And when the ear - ly sum - mers pass

A prime, And when the ear - ly sum - mers pass

T prime, And when the ear - ly sum - mers pass

B prime, And when the ear - ly sum - mers pass

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S And love comes on with time, Still be it ours in

A And love comes on with time, Still be it ours in

T And love comes on with time, Still be it ours in

B And love comes on with time, Still be it ours in

*pp* *Lento* *a tempo* *f*

# What is the Meaning of the Song

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S care's des-pite To join the cho - rus free, "I love my love be - cause I

A care's des - pite To join the cho - rus free, "I love my love be - cause I

T care's des - pite To join the cho - rus free, "I love my love be - cause I

B care's des - pite To join the cho - rus free, "I love my love be - cause I

*pp*

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S know, I know My love loves me, loves me, I

A know, I know My love, my love loves me, loves me, I

T know, I know My love, my love loves me, loves me, I

B know, I know My love, my love loves me, my love loves me, I

*molto rit. pp ff a tempo*

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S love my love be - cause I know My love loves me."

A love my love be - cause I know My love loves me."

T love my love be - cause I know My love loves me."

B love my love be - cause I know My love loves me."

*p*

**John Beveridge Grant** (1850-1912) was born in Newburgh, Orange County, New York. He worked for the firm of Stewart Good and Co., manufacturers of dresses, NYC, and the Central National Bank of NYC. He was a naturalist and wrote *Our common birds and how to know them* (1891). He was an active amateur musician. He was organist and choir director at New Jerusalem Church, NYC, and at First Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, NY. His compositions include a comic opera, several cantatas, anthems, part-songs, and many children's songs including a collection in collaboration with music educator Peter W. Dykema titled *Pussy willow: and other nature songs for little folk*.

What is the meaning of the song  
That rings so clear and loud;  
Thou nightingale amid the copse,  
Thou lark above the cloud?  
What says the song, thou joyous thrush  
Upon the walnut tree?  
"I love my love because I know  
My love loves me."

What is the meaning of thy thought,  
O maiden fair and young?  
There is such pleasure in thine eyes,  
Such music in thy tongue;  
There is such glory in thy face—  
What can the meaning be?  
"I love my love because I know  
My love loves me."

O happy words, at beauty's feet,  
We say them in our prime,  
And when the early summers pass  
And love comes on with time,  
Still be it ours in care's despite  
To join the chorus free,  
"I love my love because I know  
My love loves me."

Charles Mackay (1812-1889)

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