



The Barefoot Boy

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(1857-1932)

Clayton Johns (1857-1932) was born in New Castle, Delaware, in a family of successful politicians. He studied at Rugby Academy then studied architecture in Philadelphia. He taught himself piano as a child and chose to study piano in Boston and music theory and composition at Harvard under John Knowles Paine. He studied in Berlin for a few years, attended Liszt's master class at Weimar, and returned to Boston to be an established concert pianist, composer and teacher. He taught piano at the New England Conservatory. He published an autobiography and three other books on music. He is best known for his songs and piano works.

Blessings on thee, little man,
Barefoot boy, with cheek of tan!
With thy turned-up pantaloons,
And thy merry whistled tunes;
Let the million-dollared ride!
Barefoot, trudging at his side,
Thou hast more than he can buy
In the reach of ear and eye,—
Outward sunshine, inward joy:
Blessings on thee, barefoot boy!
Cheerily, then, my little man,
Live and laugh, as boyhood can!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

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Moderato

SA

TB

Piano

mf

Bless - ings on thee, lit - tle

man, Bare - foot boy, with cheek of tan! With thy turned - up pant - a - loons, And thy

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7

SA mer - ry whis - tled tunes; Bless - ings on thee, lit - tle man, — Bare - foot boy! With thy

TB

Pno.

10

SA turned-up pant - a - loons, And thy mer - ry whis - tled tunes; Bless - ings on thee, lit - tle man, — Bare-foot

TB

Pno.

cresc. *rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

13

SA boy!

TB

Pno.

a tempo

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16 *mf*

SA Let the mil - lion - dol - lared ride! Bare - foot, trudge - ing at his side, Thou hast

TB *mf*

Pno.

19

SA more than he can buy In the reach of ear and eye,— Bless - ings on thee, lit - tle man,— Bare - foot

TB

Pno.

22

SA boy! Thou hast more than he can buy In the reach of ear and eye,— Bless - ings

TB *cresc. rit. a tempo*

Pno. *cresc. rit. a tempo*

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25

SA on thee, lit - tle man, — Bare-foot boy!

TB

Pno.

rit. *a tempo*

rit. *a tempo*

29

SA Out - ward sun - shine, in - ward joy: Bless - ings on thee, bare - foot boy! Cheer - i - ly,

TB

Pno.

mf

mf

32

SA then, my lit - tle man, Live and laugh, as boy - hood can! Bless - ings on thee, lit - tle man, — Bare-foot

TB

Pno.

mf

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35

SA
boy! Cheer-i - ly, then, my lit - tle man, Live and laugh, as boy - hood can! Bless - ings

TB

Pno.

cresc. *rit.* *a tempo*

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SA
on thee, lit - tle man, - Bare-foot boy!

TB

Pno.

rit. *a tempo*

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