



Six Part-Songs Op. 7
No. 5

To Blossoms

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(1862–1935)

Frederick St. John Lacy (1862–1935) born at Blackrock, County Cork, Ireland. He was educated in Dublin, first intending to study law. He decided to pursue music and studied at the Cork School of Music, then in London at the Royal Academy of Music under Sir George A. Macfarren and Ebenezer Prout. He was active as recitalist and lecturer, and became an established teacher of singing and composer. He was an Associate of the Philharmonic Society, contributor to the “Musical Standard,” and first held several positions in London, including director of the choir at St. Augustine’s, Ramsgate. He returned to Ireland and was lecturer, then Chair of Music at University College Cork. He was also appointed examiner for degrees in Music across the entire National University of Ireland. He died in Cork. His compositions include assorted orchestral works, chamber music, cantatas, service music, songs, and part-songs.

Fair pledges of a fruitful tree,
Why do ye fall so fast?
Your date is not so past
But you may stay yet here awhile
To blush and gently smile,
And go at last.

What! were ye born to be
An hour or half’s delight,
And so to bid good-night?
'T is pity Nature brought ye forth,
Merely to show your worth,
And lose you quite.

But you are lovely leaves, where we
May read how soon things have
Their end, though ne'er so brave;
And after they have shown their pride
Like you awhile, they glide
Into the grave.

Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

To Blossoms

F. St. John Lacy

Allegretto ♩ = 116

S Fair pledg - es of a fruit - ful tree, Why do ye fall so

A Fair pledg - es of a fruit - ful tree, Why do ye fall so

T Fair pledg - es of a fruit - ful tree, Why do ye fall so

B Fair pledg - es of a fruit - ful tree, Why do ye fall so

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S fast? Your date is not so past But

A fast? Your date is not so past But

T fast? Your date is not so past But

B fast? Your date is not so past But

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S you may stay yet here a - while To blush and gent - ly

A you may stay yet here a - while To blush and gent - ly

T you may stay yet here a - while To blush and gent - ly

B you may stay yet here a - while To blush and gent - ly

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S smile, And go at last, at last.

A smile, And go at last, at last.

T smile, And go at last, at last.

B smile, And go at last, at last.

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S What! were ye born to be An hour or half's de -

A What! were ye born to be An hour or half's de -

T What! were ye born to be An hour or half's de -

B What! were ye born to be An hour or half's de -

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16 *rall. e p*

S light, And so to bid good - night? 'Tis

A light, And so to bid good - night? 'Tis

T light, And so to bid good - night? 'Tis

B light, And so to bid good - night? 'Tis

19 *molto rall.*

S pit - y Na - ture brought ye forth, Mere - ly to show your worth, And

A pit - y Na - ture brought ye forth, Mere - ly to show your worth, And

T pit - y Na - ture brought ye forth, Mere - ly to show your worth, And

B pit - y Na - ture brought ye forth, Mere - ly to show your worth, And

22 *p* *mf* *a tempo*

S lose you quite. But you are love - ly leaves, where we May

A lose you quite. But you are love - ly leaves, where we May

T lose you quite. But you are love - ly leaves, where we May

B lose you quite. But you are love - ly leaves, where we May

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S read how soon things have Their end, tho' ne'er so brave; And

A read how soon things have Their end, tho' ne'er so brave; And

T read how soon things have Their end, tho' ne'er so brave; And

B read how soon things have Their end, tho' ne'er so brave; And

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S af - ter they have shown their pride Like you a - while, they

A af - ter they have shown their pride Like you a - while, they

T af - ter they have shown their pride Like you a - while, they

B af - ter they have shown their pride Like you a - while, they

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S glide, they glide In - to *dim.* the grave, *rall.* in - - -

A glide, they glide In - to *dim.* the grave, *rall.* in - - -

T glide, they glide In - to *dim.* the grave, *rall.* in - - -

B glide, they glide In - to *dim.* the grave, *rall.* in - - -

To Blossoms

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S to the grave, in - to the grave.

A to the grave, in - to the grave.

T to the grave, in - to the grave.

B to the grave, in - to the grave.

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