



Bonnie ran
the burnie
doon

Henry A. Lambeth
(1822-1895)

Henry Albert Lambeth (1822-1895) was born at Alverstoke, Hampshire, England, and studied under the notable musicians Samuel Sebastian Wesley, Thomas Adams, Sterndale Bennett, Henry Smart, and Sir George Smart. He held a number of organist positions in the Portsmouth area before becoming city organist at Glasgow, Scotland, after the Corporation installed a Gray & Davison organ at the City Halls. He also served as organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Park Parish Church. He became the conductor of the Glasgow Choral Union and was founder/conductor of the Glasgow Select Choir, which became known as the Balmoral Choir after twice performing at Balmoral by royal command of the Queen. His choirs traveled throughout Britain and his music was well received with reviews published throughout the country commending "H. A. Lambeth's choirs." He was also editor of "The Scottish Book Of Praise." About 2/3 of the songs are Scottish folk songs with many arranged for four voices. Besides his part-songs, his compositions are mostly for organ and piano, some songs and chants, and hymn tunes. He died in Glasgow.

Bonnie ran the burnie doon,
Wand'rin' and windin';
Sweetly sang the birds abune,
Care never mindin'.

The gentle simmer wind
Was their nursie saft and kind,
And it rockit them, and rockit them,
All in their bowers sae hie.

The mossy rock was there,
And the water-lily fair,
And the little trout would sport about
All in the sunny beam.

Though simmer days be lang,
And sweet the birdies' sang,
The wintry night and chilling blight
Keep aye their eerie roun'.

And my sweet sunny morn
Was like the ripplin' burn,
Or summer breeze amang the trees
And linties liltin' blithely.

And then the burnie's like a sea,
Roarin' and reamin';
Nae wee bit sangster's on the tree,
But wild birds screamin'.

O that the past I might forget,
Wand'rin' and weepin'!
O that aneath the hillock green
Sound I were sleepin'!

Carolina Oliphant, Lady Nairne (1766-1845)

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Refrain

Slowly and with expression

S *p* Bon - nie ran the bur - nie doon, Wan - d'rin' and wind - in';

A *p* Bon - nie ran the bur - nie doon, Wan - d'rin' and wind - in';

T *p* Bon - nie ran the bur - nie doon, Wan - d'rin' and wind - in';

B *p* Bon - nie ran the bur - nie doon, Wan - d'rin' and wind - in';

S ³ Sweet - ly sang the birds a - bune, Care nev - er mind - in'.

A Sweet - ly sang the birds a - bune, Care nev - er mind - in'.

T ⁸ Sweet - ly sang the birds a - bune, Care nev - er mind - in'.

B Sweet - ly sang the birds a - bune, Care nev - er mind - in'.

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Verse 1

S The gen - tle sim - mer wind Was their nur - sie saft and kind, And it

A The gen - tle sim - mer wind Was their nur - sie saft and kind, And it

T The gen - tle sim - mer wind Was their nur - sie saft and kind, And it

B The gen - tle sim - mer wind Was their nur - sie saft and kind, And it

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S rock - it them, and rock - it them, All in their bow'rs sae hie.

A rock - it them, and rock - it them, All in their bow'rs sae hie.

T rock - it them, and rock - it them, All in their bow'rs sae hie.

B rock - it them, and rock - it them, All in their bow'rs sae hie.

Verse 2

S The mos - sy rock was there, And the wa - ter - lil - y fair, And the

A The mos - sy rock was there, And the wa - ter - lil - y fair, And the

T The mos - sy rock was there, And the wa - ter - lil - y fair, And the

B The mos - sy rock was there, And the wa - ter - lil - y fair, And the

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S lit - tle trout would sport a - bout All in the sun - ny beam.

A lit - tle trout would sport a - bout All in the sun - ny beam.

T lit - tle trout would sport a - bout All in the sun - ny beam.

B lit - tle trout would sport a - bout All in the sun - ny beam.

Verse 3

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S Though sim - mer days be lang, And — sweet the bird - ies' sang, The —

A Though sim - mer days be lang, — And sweet the bird - ies' sang, The

T Though sim - mer days be lang, — And — sweet the bird - ies' sang, The —

B Though sim - mer days be lang, — And — sweet the bird - ies' sang, The

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S win - try night and chill - ing blight Keep aye their eer - ie roun'.

A win - try night and chill - ing blight Keep aye their eer - ie roun'.

T win - try night and chill - ing blight Keep aye their eer - ie roun'.

B win - try night and chill - ing blight Keep aye their eer - ie roun'.

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Verse 4

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S And my sweet sun - ny morn Was like the rip - plin' burn, Or

A And my sweet sun - ny morn Was like the rip - plin' burn, Or

T And my sweet sun - ny morn Was like the rip - plin' burn, Or

B And my sweet sun - ny morn Was like the rip - plin' burn, Or

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S sum - mer breeze a - mang the trees And lin - ties lilt - ing blithe - ly.

A sum - mer breeze a - mang the trees And lin - ties lilt - ing blithe - ly.

T sum - mer breeze a - mang the trees And lin - ties lilt - ing blithe - ly.

B sum - mer breeze a - mang the trees And lin - ties lilt - ing blithe - ly.

Verse 5

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S And the bur - nie's like a sea, Roar - in' and ream - in'; Nae

A And the bur - nie's like a sea, Roar - in' and ream - in'; Nae

T And the bur - nie's like a sea, Roar - in' and ream - in'; Nae

B And the bur - nie's like a sea, Roar - in' and ream - in'; Nae

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S wee bit sang - ster's on the tree, But wild birds scream - in'.

A wee bit sang - ster's on the tree, But wild birds scream - in'.

T wee bit sang - ster's on the tree, But wild birds scream - in'.

B wee bit sang - ster's on the tree, But wild birds scream - in'.

Verse 6

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S O that the past I might for - get, — Wan - d'rin' and weep - in'! O

A O that the past I might for - get, — Wan - d'rin' and weep - in'! O

T O that the past I might for - get, — Wan - d'rin' and weep - in'! O

B O that the past I might for - get, — Wan - d'rin' and weep - in'! O

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S that a - neath the hill - ock green Sound I were sleep - in'!

A that a - neath the hill - ock green Sound I were sleep - in'!

T that a - neath the hill - ock green Sound I were sleep - in'!

B that a - neath the hill - ock green Sound I were sleep - in'!

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