



Shakespeare Songs

No. 13



**Under the  
Greenwood Tree**

**George A. Macfarren**

**(1813-1887)**

**Sir George Alexander Macfarren** (1813-1887) was born in London. From early youth, he suffered from poor health and weak eyesight. His eyesight continually deteriorated until he became totally blind in 1860. However, his blindness had little effect on his productivity. Macfarren began to study music when he was fourteen and, at sixteen, entered the Royal Academy of Music. Because of his eyesight, he abandoned performance and concentrated on composition. He later taught at the Academy, eventually becoming a principal. He was also appointed professor of music at Cambridge University in 1875. He was conductor at Covent Garden, London; founder the Handel Society; program note writer for the Philharmonic Society; and editor of *Handel and Purcell*. He wrote 18 operas, 13 oratorios and cantatas, 9 symphonies, and 162 songs. He was active as writer of part-songs, literature for the many amateur choirs appearing throughout the country. He was knighted in 1883 on the same day as Arthur Sullivan and George Grove. His brother Walter Macfarren (1826-1905) was a pianist, composer and professor of the Royal Academy.

Under the greenwood tree,  
Who loves to lie with me,  
And turn his merry note  
Unto the sweet bird's throat,  
Come hither, come hither, come hither:  
    Here shall he see  
    No enemy  
But winter and rough weather.

Who doth ambition shun,  
And loves to live I' the sun,  
Seeking the food he eats,  
And pleased with what he gets,  
Come hither, come hither, come hither:  
    Here shall he see  
    No enemy  
But winter and rough weather.

*As You Like It*  
Act 2, Scene 5  
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

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G. A. Macfarren

Allegretto ♩ = 60

S Un - der the green - wood tree Who loves to lie with me,

A Un - der the green - wood tree Who loves to lie with me,

T Un -

B Un - der the green - wood tree Who loves to lie with me,

S Who, And

A Who, And

T - der the green - wood tree Who loves to lie with me, And tune

B Who, And

## Under the greenwood tree

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S  
tune his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat,

A  
tune his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat,

T  
his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat,

B  
tune his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat,

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S  
Who loves to tune his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat, Come

A  
Who loves to tune his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat, Come

T  
Who loves to tune his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat, Come

B  
Who loves to tune his mer - ry note Un - to the sweet bird's throat, Come

17

S  
hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er:

A  
hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er: Here

T  
hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er:

B  
hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er:

# Under the greenwood tree

21 *f*

S Here shall he see No en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er,

A \_\_\_\_\_ shall he see No en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er,

T *f* Here shall he see No en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er, Here \_\_\_\_\_ *ff*

B

25 *ff*

S Here shall he see No en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

A *ff* Here shall he see No en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

T \_\_\_\_\_ shall he see No en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

B *ff* Here shall he see No en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

29 *f*

S Who doth am - bi - tion shun, And loves to live i'the sun,

A *f* Who doth am - bi - tion shun, And loves to live i'the sun,

T \_\_\_\_\_ *f* > Who \_\_\_\_\_

B *f* Who doth am - bi - tion shun, And \_\_\_\_\_ loves to live i'the sun,

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33 *sf*

S Who,

A Who,

T doth am - bi - tion shun, And loves to live i'the sun, Seek - *mf*

B Who,

37 *mf*

S Seek - ing the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets,

A Seek - ing the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets,

T - ing the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets,

B Seek - ing the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets,

41 *pp*

S Who loves to seek the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets, Come

A Who loves to seek the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets, Come

T Who loves to seek the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets, Come

B Who loves to seek the food he eats, Well pleas'd with what he gets, Come

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45 *cresc.*

S hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er:

A hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er: Here       

T hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er:

B hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er, come hith - er:

49 *f*

S Here shall he see No        en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er,

A        shall he see No        en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er,

T *f* Here shall he see No        en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er, Here        *ff*

B

53 *ff*

S Here shall he see No        en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

A *ff* Here shall he see No        en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

T *ff*        shall he see No        en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

B *ff* Here shall he see No        en - e - my But win - ter and rough weath - er.

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