



Get Up Before the Sun

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(1834-?)

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Sing as rapidly as the words can be distinctly uttered.

S Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun! _____ This

A Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun! _____ This

T Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun! _____ This

B Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun! _____ This

5 S snooz - ing in a feath - er - bed Is what should not be done. _____ Be -

A snooz - ing in a feath - er - bed Is what should not be done. _____ Be -

T snooz - ing in a feath - er - bed Is what should not be done. _____ Be -

B snooz - ing in a feath - er - bed Is what should not be done. _____ Be -

9 S tween sun - rise _____ and break - fast, lads, Rise, breathe the morn - ing air, _____ 'Twill

A tween sun - rise _____ and break - fast, lads, Rise, breathe the morn - ing air, _____ 'Twill

T tween sun - rise _____ and break - fast, lads, Rise, breathe the morn - ing air, _____ 'Twill

B tween sun - rise _____ and break - fast, lads, Rise, breathe the morn - ing air, _____ 'Twill

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S make you look so bright, my lads, 'Twill make you look so fair.

A make you look so bright, my lads, 'Twill make you look so fair.

T 8 make you look so bright, my lads, 'Twill make you look so fair.

B make you look so bright, my lads, 'Twill make you look so fair.

S Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

A Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

T 8 Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

B Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

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S Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Shake off your sloth— a - rouse! — You

A Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Shake off your sloth— a - rouse! — You

T 8 Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Shake off your sloth— a - rouse! — You

B Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Shake off your sloth— a - rouse! — You

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S lose the great - est lux - u - ry That life has if you drowse — Be -

A lose the great - est lux - u - ry That life has if you drowse — Be -

T 8 lose the great - est lux - u - ry That life has if you drowse — Be -

B lose the great - est lux - u - ry That life has if you drowse — Be -

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S tween sun - rise — and break - fast, lads; A - rise, then, do — not lose — The

A tween sun - rise — and break - fast, lads; A - rise, then, do — not lose — The

T 8 tween sun - rise — and break - fast, lads; A - rise, then, do — not lose — The

B tween sun - rise — and break - fast, lads; A - rise, then, do — not lose — The

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S key to health and hap - pi - ness By ly - ing in a snooze.

A key to health and hap - pi - ness By ly - ing in a snooze.

T key to health and hap - pi - ness By ly - ing in a snooze.

B key to health and hap - pi - ness By ly - ing in a snooze.

S Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

A Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

T Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

B Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; This

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T snooz - ing in a feath - er - bed Is what should not be done.

B snooz - ing in a feath - er - bed Is what should not be done.

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S Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, And in the gar - den hoe, _____ Or

A Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, And in the gar - den hoe, _____ Or

T 8 Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, And in the gar - den hoe, _____ Or

B Get up be - fore the sun, my lads, And in the gar - den hoe, _____ Or

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S feed the pigs, or milk the cow, Or take the scythe and mow, _____ 'Twill

A feed the pigs, or milk the cow, Or take the scythe and mow, _____ 'Twill

T 8 feed the pigs, or milk the cow, Or take the scythe and mow, _____ 'Twill

B feed the pigs, or milk the cow, Or take the scythe and mow, _____ 'Twill

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S give you buoy - ant spir - its, lads, Give vig - or to _____ your frame; _____ Then

A give you buoy - ant spir - its, lads, Give vig - or to _____ your frame; _____ Then

T 8 give you buoy - ant spir - its, lads, Give vig - or to _____ your frame; _____ Then

B give you buoy - ant spir - its, lads, Give vig - or to _____ your frame; _____ Then

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S rise be fore — the sun, my lads, And these — rich bless - ings claim. _____

A rise be fore — the sun, my lads, And these — rich bless - ings claim. _____

T rise be fore the sun, my lads, And these rich bless - ings claim. _____

B rise be fore the sun, my lads, And these rich bless - ings claim. _____

S Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; _____ This

A Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; _____ This

T Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; _____ This

B Then get up be - fore the sun, my lads, Get up be - fore the sun; _____ This

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B snooz - ing in a feath - er - bed Is what should not be done. _____

Get up before the sun, my lads,
Get up before the sun!
This snoozing in a featherbed
Is what should not be done.
Between sunrise and breakfast, lads,
Rise, breathe the morning air,
'Twill make you look so bright, my lads,
'Twill make you look so fair.

*Then get up before the sun, my lads,
Get up before the sun;
This snoozing in a featherbed
Is what should not be done.*

Get up before the sun, my lads,
Shake off your sloth— arouse!
You lose the greatest luxury
That life has if you drowse
Between sunrise and breakfast, lads;
Arise, then, do not lose
The key to health and happiness
By lying in a snooze.

*Then get up before the sun, my lads,
Get up before the sun;
This snoozing in a featherbed
Is what should not be done.*

Get up before the sun, my lads,
And in the garden hoe,
Or feed the pigs, or milk the cow,
Or take the scythe and mow,
'Twill give you buoyant spirits, lads,
Give vigor to your frame;
Then rise be fore the sun, my lads,
And these rich blessings claim.

*Then get up before the sun, my lads,
Get up before the sun;
This snoozing in a featherbed
Is what should not be done.*

Edward A. Perkins (1834-?) was born in Ohio and studied music under Lowell Mason and Thomas Hastings in Boston. For a time, he was choir director at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. He was associated with John B. Herbert and Frederic H. Pease and participated in singing conventions throughout the northern states. He eventually retired to Portland, Oregon. He composed a number of hymns and part-songs. Some appeared in the song collections compiled for singing schools and conventions. In 1901, the newspaper "The Oregonian" reported Mr. Perkins had in his possession an anthem he had asked a U. S. Treasury clerk, John Pierpont, to compose for the dedication of the Calvary Baptist in 1866. John Pierpont was the composer of "Jingle Bells" and grandfather of financier John Pierpont "J.P." Morgan.

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