



Touch Us Gently, Time!

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(1842-1899)**

Solomon W. Straub (1842-1899) was born in De Kalb County, Indiana, residing much of his career in Woodlawn Park, a Chicago suburb. He made music his life's work; he was active in music education and conducted musical conventions throughout the central Midwest. He authored many singing school books, Sunday School music books, choir and anthem books, and sheet music. He founded "Song Friend," a musical periodical, and owned and operated a music publishing company in Chicago. His sister Maria Straub, who was a poet and wrote many hymn texts, wrote many secular texts used in his songs. Both were active in the temperance movement and wrote works for the movement's use. He died in Chicago, Illinois.

Touch us gently, Time!
Let us glide adown thy stream
Gently as we sometimes glide
Thro' a quiet dream.
Humble voyagers are we
O'er life's dim unsounding sea,
Seeking only some clear clime,
Touch us gently, Time!

Touch us gently, Time!
We've not proud and soaring wings;
Our ambition, our content
Lies in simple things.
Humble voyagers are we
O'er life's dim unsounding sea,
May no storms disturb our band,
'Till we reach the golden strand!

Barry Cornwall [Bryan Waller Procter] (1787-1874), adapted S. W. S.

Touch Us Gently, Time!

S. W. Straub

Delicately

S *p* Touch us gen - tly, Time! Touch us gen - tly

A *p* Touch us gen - tly, Time! Touch us gen - tly

T *p* Touch us gen - tly, Time! Touch us gen - tly

B *p* Touch us gen - tly, Time! Touch us gen - tly

S ⁴ *mp* Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly as we some-times glide Thro' a

A *mp* Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly as we some-times glide Thro' a

T *mp* Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly as we some-times glide Thro' a

B *mp* Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly as we some-times glide Thro' a

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S qui - et dream. Hum - ble voy - a - gers are we O'er life's

A qui - et dream. Hum - ble voy - a - gers are we O'er life's

T qui - et dream. Hum - ble voy - a - gers are we O'er life's

B qui - et dream. Hum - ble voy - a - gers are we O'er life's

p

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S dim un - sound - ing sea, Seek - ing on - ly some clear clime, Touch us gen - tly, gen - tly Time!

A dim un - sound - ing sea, Seek - ing on - ly some clear clime, Touch us gen - tly, gen - tly Time!

T dim un - sound - ing sea, Seek - ing on - ly some clear clime, Touch us gen - tly, gen - tly Time!

B dim un - sound - ing sea, Seek - ing on - ly some clear clime, Touch us gen - tly, gen - tly Time!

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S Touch us gen - tly, Time!

A Touch us gen - tly, Time!

T Touch us gen - tly, Time!

B *mp* Touch us gen - tly, Time! Touch us gen - tly,

p

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16 *mp*

S Touch us gen - tly, Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly as we some-times glide Thro' a

A Touch us gen - tly, Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream as

T *mp* Touch us gen - tly, Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly as we some-times glide Thro' a

B *mp* Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream as

19 *p*

S qui - et dream. Touch us gen - tly, Time!

A Thro' a qui - et dream. Touch us gen - tly, Time!

T *p* qui - et dream. Touch us gen - tly, Time!

B *p* Thro' a qui - et dream. Touch us gen - tly, Time!

23 *mp*

S Touch us gen - tly, Time! We've not proud and soar - ing wings; Our am -

A *mp* Touch us gen - tly, Time! We've not proud and soar - ing wings; Our am -

T *mp* Touch us gen - tly, Time! We've not proud and soar - ing wings; Our am -

B *mp* Touch us gen - tly, Time! We've not proud and soar - ing wings; Our am -

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S
bi - tion, our con - tent Lies in sim - ple things. Hum - ble *p*

A
bi - tion, our con - tent Lies in sim - ple things. Hum - ble *p*

T
8
bi - tion, our con - tent Lies in sim - ple things. Hum - ble *p*

B
bi - tion, our con - tent Lies in sim - ple things. Hum - ble *p*

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S
voy - a - gers are we O'er life's dim un - sound - ing sea, May no storms dis - turb our band, 'Till we *p*

A
voy - a - gers are we O'er life's dim un - sound - ing sea, May no storms dis - turb our band, 'Till we *p*

T
8
voy - a - gers are we O'er life's dim un - sound - ing sea, May no storms dis - turb our band, 'Till we *p*

B
voy - a - gers are we O'er life's dim un - sound - ing sea, May no storms dis - turb our band, 'Till we *p*

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S
reach the gold - en strand! Touch us gen - tly, Time, *p*

A
reach the gold - en strand! Touch us gen - tly, Time, *p*

T
8
reach the gold - en strand! Touch us gen - tly, Time, *p*

B
reach the gold - en strand! Touch us gen - tly, Time, *mp*

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35 *mp*

S Touch us gen - tly, Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly

A Touch us gen - tly, Time! Let us glide a -

T Touch us gen - tly, Time! Let us glide a - down thy stream Gen - tly

B Touch us gen - tly, Time! Let us glide a -

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S as we some - times glide Thro' a qui - et dream.

A down thy stream as Thro' a qui - et dream.

T as we some - times glide Thro' a qui - et dream.

B down thy stream as Thro' a qui - et dream.

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S Touch us gen - tly, Time!

A Touch us gen - tly, Time!

T Touch us gen - tly, Time!

B Touch us gen - tly, Time!

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