



Stars of the summer night

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(1843-1920)**

William F. Sudds (1843-1920) was born in London, England. When he was seven, the family moved across the Atlantic and settled on a farm in Gouverneur, New York. By age fifteen, he had taught himself the violin, cello, guitar and cornet. He also took advantage of an offer to use a friend's piano, although it meant a three-mile walk after his day's work. Enlisting in the Civil War, he was ordered to report as a musician and eventually became a bandmaster. He arranged and composed many pieces for the band. During the later part of the war, he took his first piano lessons from a French woman in New Orleans. After the war, he trained at the Boston Conservatory of Music. He returned to Gouverneur and established himself as a teacher, composer and music publisher. He directed choruses and orchestras for local events and was the director of the Choral Union of Gouverneur. His compositions include orchestral works, pieces for piano, church music, songs and part-songs. He published many method books and instructional collections including the "Modern Method for the Reed Organ." His music and writings gained great recognition throughout the country. That popularity was manifest by the appearance of a riddle in the "Youth's Companion" magazine: "What composer is found in every washtub?"

Stars of the summer night!
Far in yon azure deeps,
Hide, hide your golden light!
She sleeps!
My lady sleeps!
Sleeps!

Moon of the summer night!
Far down yon western steeps,
Sink, sink in silver light!
She sleeps!
My lady sleeps!
Sleeps!

Wind of the summer night!
Where yonder woodbine creeps,
Fold, fold thy pinions light!
She sleeps!
My lady sleeps!
Sleeps!

Dreams of the summer night!
Tell her, her lover keeps
Watch! while in slumbers light
She sleeps!
My lady sleeps!
Sleeps!

Serenade From "The Spanish Student"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

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W. F. Suds

Andante

S Stars of the summer night, Far in yon azure deep,

A Stars of the summer night, Far in yon azure deep,

T Stars of the summer night, Far in yon azure deep,

B Stars of the summer night, Far in yon azure deep,

5 S Hide, hide your golden light; She sleeps, my lady sleeps, She

A Hide, hide your golden light; She sleeps, she sleeps, my lady sleeps, She

T Hide, hide your golden light; She sleeps, she sleeps, my lady sleeps, She

B Hide, hide your golden light; She sleeps, my lady sleeps, She

9 S sleeps, my lady sleeps, She sleeps. She sleeps.

A sleeps, my lady sleeps, She sleeps, my lady sleeps.

T sleeps, my lady sleeps, She sleeps, my lady sleeps.

B sleeps, my lady sleeps, She sleeps, my lady sleeps.

Stars of the summer night

13 *p*

S Moon of the sum - mer night, Far down yon west - ern steep,

A Moon of the sum - mer night, Far down yon west - ern steep,

T 8 Moon of the sum - mer night, Far down yon west - ern steep,

B Moon of the sum - mer night, Far down yon west - ern steep,

17 *rall.*

S Sink, sink in sil - ver light; She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She

A Sink, sink in sil - ver light; She sleeps, she sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She

T 8 Sink, sink in sil - ver light; She sleeps, she sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She

B Sink, sink in sil - ver light; She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She

21 *rall.*

S sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps.

A sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

T 8 sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

B sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

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25 *mp*

S Wind of the sum - mer night, Where yon - der wood - bine creeps,

A *mp* Wind of the sum - mer night, Where yon - der wood - bine creeps,

T *mp* Wind of the sum - mer night, Where yon - der wood - bine creeps,

B *mp* Wind of the sum - mer night, Where yon - der wood - bine creeps,

29 *rall.*

S Watch while in slum - bers light she sleeps, my la - dy sleeps; She

A *rall.* Watch while in slum - bers light she sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, she sleeps;

T *rall.* Watch while in slum - bers light she sleeps, my la - dy sleeps;

B *rall.* Watch while in slum - bers light she sleeps, my la - dy sleeps;

33 *pp* *rall.*

S sleeps, she sleeps; She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

A *pp* *rall.* She sleeps, she sleeps; She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, she sleeps.

T *pp* *rall.* She sleeps, she sleeps; She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, she sleeps.

B *pp* *rall.* She sleeps, she sleeps; She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

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37 *p*

S Dreams of the sum - mer night, Tell her, her lov - er keeps

A Dreams of the sum - mer night, Tell her, her lov - er keeps

T 8 Dreams of the sum - mer night, Tell her, her lov - er keeps

B Dreams of the sum - mer night, Tell her, her lov - er keeps

41 *pp*

S watch while in slum - bers light She

A watch while in slum - bers light She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She

T 8 watch while in slum - bers light She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She

B watch while in slum - bers light She sleeps, She

45 *rall. pp*

S sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps.

A sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

T 8 sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

B sleeps, my la - dy sleeps, She sleeps, my la - dy sleeps.

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