



**Singing Cheerily  
All Day Long**

**Alexander Van Alstyne  
(1831-1902)**

**Alexander Van Alstyne, jr.** (1831-1902) was born in Manhattan, New York City. Although little is known of his early life and training, he became a respected organist and teacher in New York, despite being blind. He was hired by the New York Institute for the Blind where he met the gifted Fanny Crosby. They were married in 1858. She was already known as a hymn writer and she continued to use her maiden name on her husband's insistence. Many of his compositions were settings of his wife's poems. He died in New York City.

When pleasure crowns the festive scene,  
Or beauty's radiant eye serene,  
Still brighter makes the playful beam  
    From joy its lustre bringing;  
There music dwells, and wild and free  
Rings out her peal of merry glee,  
And tells how blest the world would be  
    If cares were lost in singing;  
Who has not wond'ring paused to hear  
    Childhood repeat its artless song,  
Singing, singing, singing, singing,  
    Singing cheerily all day long!

The brooklet singing murmurs by,  
The mountain rills with joy reply,  
The leaflet hears the zephyrs sigh  
    And wakes from dewy slumbers;  
O'er shady grot and mossy plain  
Still music breathes her dulcet strain,  
While nature joins her glad refrain  
    And swells her purest numbers;  
Gayly the bird in leafy nest  
    Blends with the breeze her artless song,  
Singing, singing, singing, singing,  
    Singing cheerily all day long!

In rural cot or princely fall,  
'Tis music lends a charm to all;  
The same enchanting echoes fall  
    And lighten every sorrow;  
Around the happy, social hearth,  
Where love and friendship have their birth,  
The simple lay of joyous mirth  
    Proclaims a bright tomorrow;  
Sing till the heart beats high with joy,  
    Sing till the soul is full of song,  
Singing, singing, singing, singing,  
    Singing cheerily all day long!

Frances Jane [Fanny] Crosby (1820-1915)

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A. Van Alstyne

S  
When plea - sure crowns the fes - tive scene, Or beau - ty's ra - diant

A  
When plea - sure crowns the fes - tive scene, Or beau - ty's ra - diant

T  
When plea - sure crowns the fes - tive scene, Or beau - ty's ra - diant

B  
When plea - sure crowns the fes - tive scene, Or beau - ty's ra - diant

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S  
eye - se - rene, Still bright - er makes the play - ful beam - From joy - its lus - tre

A  
eye - se - rene, Still bright - er makes the play - ful beam - From joy - its lus - tre

T  
eye - se - rene, Still bright - er makes the play - ful beam - From joy - its lus - tre

B  
eye - se - rene, Still bright - er makes the play - ful beam - From joy - its lus - tre

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S  
bring - ing; There mu - sic dwells, and wild - and free Rings out her peal of

A  
bring - ing; There mu - sic dwells, and wild and free Rings out her peal of

T  
bring - ing; There mu - sic dwells, and wild and free Rings out her peal of

B  
bring - ing; There mu - sic dwells, and wild and free Rings out her peal of

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S mer - ry glee, And tells how blest the world would be If

A mer - ry glee, And tells how blest the world would be If

T mer - ry glee, And tells how blest the world would be If

B mer - ry glee, And tells how blest the world would be If

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S cares were lost in sing - ing; Who has not wond - 'ring paused to hear

A cares were lost in sing - ing; Who has not wond - 'ring paused to hear

T cares were lost in sing - ing; Who has not wond - 'ring paused to hear

B cares were lost in sing - ing; Who has not wond - 'ring paused to hear

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S Child - hood re - peat its art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing,

A Child - hood re - peat its art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing,

T Child - hood re - peat its art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing,

B Child - hood re - peat its art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing,

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S sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing,

A sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing,

T sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing,

B sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing,

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S sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

A sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

T sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

B sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

S The brook - let sing - ing mur - murs by, The moun - tain rills with joy re - ply, The

A The brook - let sing - ing mur - murs by, The moun - tain rills with joy re - ply, The

T The brook - let sing - ing mur - murs by, The moun - tain rills with joy re - ply, The

B The brook - let sing - ing mur - murs by, The moun - tain rills with joy re - ply, The

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S leaf - let hears the zeph - yrs sigh — And wakes from dew - y slum - bers; O'er

A leaf - let hears the zeph - yrs sigh And wakes from dew - y slum - bers; O'er

T leaf - let hears the zeph - yrs sigh — And wakes from dew - y slum - bers; O'er

B leaf - let hears the zeph - yrs sigh And wakes from dew - y slum - bers; O'er

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S shad - y grot — and mos - sy plain Still mu - sic breathes her

A shad - y grot and mos - sy plain Still mu - sic breathes her

T shad - y grot — and mos - sy plain Still mu - sic breathes her

B shad - y grot and mos - sy plain Still mu - sic breathes her

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S dul - cet strain, While na - ture joins her glad — re - frain — And swells her pur - est

A dul - cet strain, While na - ture joins her glad re - frain And swells her pur - est

T dul - cet strain, While na - ture joins her glad re - frain — And swells her pur - est

B dul - cet strain, While na - ture joins her glad re - frain And swells her pur - est

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S num - bers; Gay - ly the bird in leaf - y nest Blends with the breeze her

A num - bers; Gay - ly the bird in leaf - y nest Blends with the breeze her

T num - bers; Gay - ly the bird in leaf - y nest Blends with the breeze her

B num - bers; Gay - ly the bird in leaf - y nest Blends with the breeze her

48

S art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly

A art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly

T art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly

B art - less song, Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly

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S all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing,

A all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing,

T all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing,

B all day long! Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing,



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S Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! In ru - ral cot - or

A Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! In ru - ral cot or

T Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! In ru - ral cot or

B Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long! In ru - ral cot or

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S prince - ly fall, 'Tis mu - sic lends a charm to all; The same en - chant - ing

A prince - ly fall, 'Tis mu - sic lends a charm to all; The same en - chant - ing

T prince - ly fall, 'Tis mu - sic lends a charm to all; The same en - chant - ing

B prince - ly fall, 'Tis mu - sic lends a charm to all; The same en - chant - ing

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S ech - oes fall And light - en ev - 'ry sor - row; A - round the hap - py,

A ech - oes fall And light - en ev - 'ry sor - row; A - round the hap - py,

T ech - oes fall And light - en ev - 'ry sor - row; A - round the hap - py,

B ech - oes fall And light - en ev - 'ry sor - row; A - round the hap - py,

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S so - cial hearth, Where love and friend - ship have — their birth, The

A so - cial hearth, Where love and friend - ship have — their birth, The

T so - cial hearth, Where love and friend - ship have their birth, The

B so - cial hearth, Where love and friend - ship have their birth, The

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S sim - ple lay — of joy - ous mirth — Pro - claims a bright to - mor - row;

A sim - ple lay of joy - ous mirth Pro - claims a bright to - mor - row;

T sim - ple lay — of joy - ous mirth — Pro - claims a bright to - mor - row;

B sim - ple lay of joy - ous mirth Pro - claims a bright to - mor - row;

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S Sing till the heart beats high with joy, Sing till the soul is full of song,

A Sing till the heart beats high with joy, Sing till the soul is full of song,

T Sing till the heart beats high with joy, Sing till the soul is full of song,

B Sing till the heart beats high with joy, Sing till the soul is full of song,

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S Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

A Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

T Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

B Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cheer - i - ly all day long!

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S Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cherr - i - ly all day long!

A Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cherr - i - ly all day long!

T Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cherr - i - ly all day long!

B Sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, sing - ing, Sing - ing cherr - i - ly all day long!

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