



**If I had but  
two little wings**

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(1833-1923)**

**Charles Edward Whiting** (1833-1923) was born in Holliston, Massachusetts. He was an instructor in music in the Boston public schools for over forty years. He authored a series of textbooks on music, "The Public School Music Course." His compositions and arrangements were mostly songs for his music textbooks.

If I had but two little wings  
And were a little feathery bird,  
To you I'd fly, my dear!  
But thoughts like these are idle things  
And I stay here.

But in my sleep to you I fly:  
I'm always with you in my sleep!  
The world is all one's own.  
And then one wakes, and where am I?  
All, all alone.

Sleep stays not, though a monarch bids:  
So I love to wake ere break of day:  
For though my sleep be gone,  
Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids,  
And still dreams on.

Samuel Taylor-Coleridge (1772-1834)

# If I had but two little wings

C. E. Whiting

Moderato

S *p* If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a lit - tle feath - 'ry bird, To *cresc.*

A *p* If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a lit - tle feath - 'ry bird, To *cresc.*

T *p* If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a lit - tle feath - 'ry bird, To *cresc.*

B *p* If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a lit - tle feath - 'ry bird, To *cresc.*

S <sup>5</sup> you I'd fly, my dear, To you, to you I'd fly, my dear! \_\_\_\_\_

A you I'd fly, my dear, To you, to you I'd fly, my dear! \_\_\_\_\_

T you I'd fly, my dear, To you I'd fly, my dear! \_\_\_\_\_

B you I'd fly, my dear, To you I'd fly, my dear! \_\_\_\_\_ But

## If I had but two little wings

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S But thoughts like these, but thoughts like these are i - dle things And

A But thoughts like these, but thoughts like these are i - dle things And

T But thoughts like these, but thoughts like these are i - dle things And

B thoughts like these are i - dle things, \_\_\_\_\_ like these are i - dle things And

*cresc.*

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S I stay there, and I stay there.

A I stay there, and I, and I stay there.

T I stay there, and I stay there.

B I stay there, and I stay there.

*dim.* *poco rit.*

*a tempo*

S But in my sleep to you I'd fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

A But in my sleep to you I'd fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

T But in my sleep to you I'd fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

B But in my sleep to you I'd fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

*p* *cresc.*

# If I had but two little wings

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S world is all one's own, The world, the world is all one's own.

A world is all one's own, The world, the world is all one's own.

T world is all one's own, The world is all one's own.

B world is all one's own, The world is all one's own. But

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S But when one wakes, but when one wakes, and where am I? All,

A But when one wakes, but when one wakes, and where am I? All,

T But when one wakes, but when one wakes, and where am I? All,

B when one wakes, and where am I? one wakes, and where am I? All,

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S all a - lone, all a - lone, a - lone.

A all a - lone, all, all a - lone, a - lone.

T all a - lone, all, all a - lone.

B all a - lone, all, all a - lone.

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*a tempo*

S Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere break of day: For

A Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere break of day: For

T Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere break of day: For

B Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere break of day: For

37 S though my sleep be gone, my sleep, my sleep be gone,

A though my sleep be gone, For though my sleep, my sleep be gone, Yet

T though my sleep be gone, For though my sleep, my sleep be gone, Yet

B though my sleep be gone, my sleep, my sleep be gone, Yet while,

41 S Yet while 'tis dark, 'tis dark one shuts one's lids, And

A while 'tis dark one shuts one's lids, Yet while 'tis dark one shuts one's lids, And

T while 'tis dark one shuts one's lids, Yet while 'tis dark one shuts one's lids, And

B while 'tis dark one shuts one's lids, Yet while 'tis dark one shuts one's

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S still dreams on, and still dreams on. *poco rit.*

A still dreams on, and still, and still dreams on. *poco rit.*

T 8 still dreams on, and still, and still dreams on. *poco rit.*

B lids, And still dreams on, and still deams on, and still dreams on.

*p*

*poco rit.*

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