



The
Silver Streamlet

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(1838-1896)

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Moderato

S *f* O sil - ver stream - let of the field, That flow - est full and free! For

A *f* O sil - ver stream - let of the field, That flow - est full and free! For thee _____

T *f* O sil - ver stream - let of the field, That flow - est full and free! For

B *f* O sil - ver stream - let, That flow - est full and free! _____ For

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S *pp* thee the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer _____ dew's for _____ thee; O

A *pp* _____ the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer dew's for thee; _____ O

T *pp* thee the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer dew's for thee; _____ O

B *pp* thee the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer dew's for thee; O



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S sil - ver stream - let of the field, That flow - est full and free! For

A sil - ver stream - let of the field, That flow - est full and free! For thee, for

T sil - ver stream - let of the field, That flow - est full and free! For

B sil - ver stream - let, That flow - est full and free! For

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S the the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer dew - s for thee; And

A the the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer dew - s for thee;

T the the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer dew - s for thee;

B the the rains of spring re - turn, The sum - mer dew - s for thee;

più lento *p*

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S when thy lat - est blos - soms die In au - tumn's chil - ly show'rs, The

A And when thy blos - soms die In au - tumn's chil - ly show'rs, The

T And when thy blos - soms die In au - tumn's chil - ly show'rs, The

B When blos - soms die The win - ter foun - tains

p *rit.* *accel.*

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S win - ter foun - tains gush for thee, Till May brings back the flow'rs, Till

A win - ter foun - tains gush for thee, Till May brings back the flow'rs, Till

T win - ter foun - tains gush for thee, Till May brings back the flow'rs, Till

B gush for thee, Till May brings back the flow'rs, Till

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S May brings back, till May brings back, brings back the flow'rs, The foun - tains *cresc.*

A May brings back, till May brings back the flow'rs, Till *cresc.*

T May brings back, till May brings back the flow'rs, Till *cresc.*

B May brings back, till May brings back the flow'rs, Till *cresc.*

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S gush for thee, Till May brings back, brings back the flow'rs. *dim.*

A May, till May brings back the flow'rs. *dim.*

T May, till May brings back, till May brings back the flow'rs. *dim.*

B May, till May brings back, till May brings back the flow'rs. *dim.*

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S O stream of life, the vio - let springs But once be - side thy bed, But

A O stream of life, the vio - let springs But once be - side thy bed, But one _____

T O stream of life, the vio - let springs But once be - side thy bed, But

B O stream of life, _____ But once be - side thy bed, _____ But

38 S one brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew's of heav'n are shed, O *pp*

A _____ brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew's of heav'n are shed, _____ O *pp*

T one brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew's of heav'n are shed, _____ O *pp*

B one brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew's of heav'n are shed, O *pp*

42 S stream of life, the vio - let springs But once be - side thy bed, But

A stream of life, the vio - let springs But once be - side thy bed, But one, but

T stream of life, the vio - let springs But once be - side thy bed, But

B stream of life, _____ But once be - side thy bed, _____ But

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46 *più lento*

S one brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew^s of heav'n are shed, Thy

A one brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew^s of heav'n are shed,

T one brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew^s of heav'n are shed,

B one brief sum - mer on thy path, The dew^s of heav'n are shed,

50 *rit.* *accel.*

S par - ent foun - tains shrink a - way And close their crys - tal veins, And

A Thy foun - tains shrink a - way And close their crys - tal veins, And

T Thy foun - tains shrink a - way And close their crys - tal veins, And

B Thy foun - tains shrink, And where thy glit - t'ring

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S where thy glit - t'ring cur - rent flowed, The dust a - lone re - mains, The

A where thy glit - t'ring cur - rent flowed, The dust a - lone re - mains, The

T where thy glit - t'ring cur - rent flowed, The dust a - lone re - mains, The

B cur - rent flowed, The dust a - lone re - mains, The

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S
dust a - lone, the dust a - lone, a - lone re - mains, And where the

A
dust a - lone, the dust a - lone re - mains, The

T
dust a - lone, the dust a - lone re - mains, The

B
dust a - lone, the dust a - lone re - mains, The

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S
cur - rent flows, The dust a - lone, a - lone re - mains.

A
dust a - lone, a - lone re - mains.

T
dust, the dust a - lone re - mains, a - lone re - mains.

B
dust, the dust a - lone re - mains, a - lone re - mains.

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Sir Joseph Barnby (1838–1896) was born at York, as a son of organist Thomas Barnby. He was a chorister at York Minster and was educated at the Royal Academy of Music. In 1856, he competed for the first Mendelssohn Scholarship and tied for first place with Arthur Sullivan, but, after a second test, Sullivan won. Barnby held organist positions at Mitcham, St. Michael's, Queenhithe, and St. James' the Less, Westminster, St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, and St. Anne's, Soho. In London, he also was conductor of "Barnby's Choir," well known for their many performances. In 1871 he was appointed conductor of the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, succeeding the eminent composer Charles Gounod after he returned to his native France. He held that position until his death. He was director of music at Eton College then principal of the Guildhall School of Music. His works include oratorio, many services and anthems, 246 hymn tunes, organ pieces, and many part-songs, some of the most popular of the era.

O silver streamlet of the field,
That flowest full and free!
For thee the rains of spring return,
The summer dews for thee;
And when thy latest blossoms die
In autumn's chilly showers,
The winter fountains gush for thee,
Till May brings back the flowers.

O stream of life, the violet springs
But once beside thy bed,
But one brief summer on thy path,
The dews of heaven are shed,
Thy parent fountains shrink away
And close their crystal veins,
And where thy glittering current flowed,
The dust alone remains.

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