



May-Day

James C. Beazley
(1850-1929)

Spring's delights are all reviving,
Verdant leaflets cloathe each spray;
Hawthorn buds give joyful tidings,
Welcome news! 'tis blythe May-day.
Rural pastimes, grateful off'ring,
Hail the promise for the year;
Village swains their pains disclosing,
Maidens lend more willing ear.

These delights but last a season,
Fading quickly with the year,
Still these hours, if spent with reason,
Surely bring us Autumn cheer.
Come then, dearest, hear my pleading,
Turn not from my suit away,
But my honest heart receiving,
Make me bless this bright May-day.

attr. Müller

James Charles Beazley (1850-1929) was born in Alum Bay, Isle of Wight, at the Royal Needles Hotel where his father was proprietor. He trained at the Royal Academy of Music, studying under of Sir William Sterndale Bennett, for whom he subsequently acted as private secretary. He was Music Master at Sherborne School, Dorset, and organist at the Minster, then was at Romsey Abbey. He to his native Island and settled at Ryde as a teacher of music. He served as organist and choirmaster at the Congregational Church, Ryde, Violin Master at the Royal Naval College, Osborne, and Borough Accompanist. He was lame for many of his last years from an accident as he pursued his hobby of fishing. He died on the Isle of Wight. His compositions include oratorios, pieces for piano, pieces for sing instruments, songs and part-songs.

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Allegro moderato

S *f* Spring's de - lights are all re - viv - ing, Ver - dant leaf - lets

A *f* Spring's de - lights are all re - viv - ing, Ver - dant leaf - lets

T *f* Spring's de - lights are all re - viv - ing, Ver - dant leaf - lets

B *f* Spring's de - lights are all re - viv - ing, Ver - dant leaf - lets

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S cloathe each spray; _____ Haw - thorn buds give joy - ful ti - dings, —

A cloathe each spray; Haw - thorn buds give joy - ful ti - dings,

T cloathe each spray; Haw - thorn buds give joy - ful ti - dings,

B cloathe each spray; _____ Haw - thorn buds give joy - ful ti - dings,

7 *cresc.*

S Wel - come news! 'tis blythe May - Day. *p* Ru - ral pas - times,

A *cresc.* Wel - come news! 'tis blythe May - Day.

T *cresc.* Wel - come news! 'tis blythe May - Day.

B *cresc.* Wel - come news! 'tis blythe May - Day.

10 *mf*

S grate - ful of - f'ring, Hail! Hail the prom - ise for the

A *p* Ru - ral pas - times, grate - ful of - f'ring, *mf* Hail the prom - ise,

T

B *p* Ru - ral pas - times, *mf* grate - ful of - f'ring,

13 *mf*

S year, the prom - ise for the year; Ru - ral pas - times hail the prom - ise

A hail the prom - ise, hail, hail the prom - ise

T *mf* Ru - ral pas - times, grate - ful of - f'ring, Hail prom - ise

B Hail the prom - ise, the prom - ise for, the prom - ise

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S for the year; Vil - lage swains their pains dis - clos - ing,

A for the year; Vil - lage swains their pains dis - clos - ing,

T for the year; Vil - lage swains their pains dis - clos - ing,

B for the year; Vil - lage swains their pains dis - clos - ing,

19

S Vil - lage

A Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear,

T Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear,

B Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear, Vil - lage swains their

22

S swains their pains dis - clos - ing, Maid - ens lend more will - ing,

A Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear, more will - ing

T Vil - lage swains their pains, Maid - ens lend. Maid - ens

B pains dis - clos - ing, Maid - ens lend more will - ing

25

S will - ing ear, Maid - - - ens lend, lend more will - ing

A ear, swains their pains dis - clos - ing, Maid - ens

T lend more will - ing ear, Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear,

B ear, Vil - lage swains their pains dis - clos - ing,

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S ear, Vil - lage swains their pains, their pains dis - clos - ing,

A lend more will - ing ear, Maid - ens lend, lend more

T Maid - ens lend more will - ing

B Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear,

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S Maid - ens lend more, lend more will - ing ear.

A will - ing ear, Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear.

T ear, Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear.

B Maid - ens lend more will - ing ear, more will - ing ear.

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35 *mf*

S These de - lights but last a sea - son, Fad - ing quick - ly

A These de - lights but last a sea - son, Fad - ing quick - ly

T These de - lights but last a sea - son, Fad - ing quick - ly

B These de - lights but last a sea - son, Fad - ing quick - ly

38

S with the year, Still these hours, if spent with rea - son,

A with the year, Still these hours, if spent with rea - son,

T with the year, Still these hours, if spent with rea - son,

B with the year, Still these hours, if spent with rea - son,

41 *cresc.*

S Sure - ly bring us Au - tumn cheer. Come then, dear - est,

A *cresc.* Sure - ly bring us Au - tumn cheer.

T *cresc.* Sure - ly bring us Au - tumn cheer.

B *cresc.* Sure - ly bring us Au - tumn cheer.

44

S hear — my — plead - ing, Hear! — Turn not from — my —

A Come then, dear - est, — hear — my — plead - ing, hear my — plead - ing,

T

B Come then, dear - est, — hear my — plead - ing,

mf

47

S suit, my suit — a - way, Turn — not from my suit, turn not from my

A Turn not from my suit, turn — not — from my

T Turn not from my — suit — a - way, a - way, from my

B Turn not from my suit a - way, a - way, Turn not from — my

p

50

S suit a - way, But — my hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing,

A suit a - way, But my hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing,

T suit a - way, But my hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing,

B suit a - way, But my hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing,

p

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S *f* > But my

A *mf* Make me bless this bright May - Day, _____

T *mf* Make me bless this bright May - Day, _____

B *mf* Make me bless this bright May - Day, *f* > But my hon - est _____

56

S hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing, Make me bless this bright, this

A *f* > make me bless this bright May - Day, this bright May -

T *f* > But my hon - est heart, Make me bless, bless this

B heart re - ceiv - ing, Make me bless this bright May -

59

S bright May - Day, Make me bless this bright May -

A Day, But my hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing, Make me

T bright May - Day, bless this bright May - Day,

B Day, But my hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing,

62

S Day, But my hon - est heart re - ceiv - ing,

A bless - this - bright May - Day, But my hon - est heart re -

T 8 Make me bless, make me

B Make me bless - this - bright May - Day,

65

S Make me - bless, make me - bless this bright May - Day. *cresc.* *ff*

A ceiv - ing, Make me bless this bright May - Day. *cresc.* *ff*

T bless, make me bless this bright May - Day. *cresc.* *ff*

B make me - bless this bright, this - bright May - Day. *cresc.* *ff*

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