



O, by rivers,
by whose falls

Henry R. Bishop
(1786-1855)

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Andante larghetto $\text{♩} = 66$

Piano

p sosten. *pp soave*

Pno. *cresc.* *f* *ff ten.*

S 1 *Sotto voce*
O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals;

S 2 *Sotto voce*
O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals;

A *Sotto voce*
O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals;

T *Sotto voce*
O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals;

B
O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals;

Pno. *pp*

The musical score consists of five staves. The top two staves are for the piano, with the first staff in common time and the second in 6/8 time. The vocal parts (Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, Tenor/Bass) begin at measure 11, singing in unison with lyrics. The piano parts include dynamic markings like *p sosten.*, *pp soave*, *cresc.*, *f*, and *ff ten.*. The vocal parts end at measure 15, followed by a piano postlude from measure 16 to 19.

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S 1 O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals, The

S 2 O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals, The

A O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals, The

T O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals, The

B O, by riv - ers, by whose falls Me - lo - dious birds sing mad - ri - gals, The

Pno.

19

S 1 shep - herd swains shall dance and play _____ For thy de -

S 2 shep - herd swains shall dance and play _____ For thy

A shep - herd swains shall dance and play _____ For thy _____

T shep - herd swains shall dance and play _____ For thy de -

B shep - herd swains shall dance and play _____ For thy

Pno. *mf* *pp*

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S 1 light on each May - day, for thy de - light on each May - day.

S 2 de - light on each May - day, on each May - day.

A — de - light, for thy de - light on each May - day.

T 8 light on each May - day, for thy de - light on each May - day.

B de - light on each May - day, for thy de - light on each May - day.

Pno. *cresc.* *pp*

Grazioso, e non lento Allegro $\text{♩} = 138$

S 1 With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

S 2 With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

A With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

T 8 With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

B With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

Grazioso, e non lento Allegro $\text{♩} = 138$

Pno. *pp*

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S 1 fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa la la, fa la la la, fa la la la la, with a

S 2 fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa la la, fa la la la, fa la la la la, with a

A fa la la la la fa, fa la la la la la la, fa la la la la, fa la la la la, with a

T fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa la la la la, fa la la la la, fa la la la la, with a

B fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa la la la, fa la la la, fa la la la la, with a

Pno. cresc. mf pp

34

S 1 fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

S 2 fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

A fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

T fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

B fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

Pno. cresc. cresc. cresc. cresc.

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S 1 fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la

S 2 fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la

A fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa la la, fa la lal la, fa lal la la

T fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa la lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la

B fa la la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la

Pno. *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.* *f* *ff*

42

S 1 la. | - | - | - | - | **e**

S 2 la. | - | - | - | - | **e**

A la. | - | - | - | - | **e**

T la. | - | - | - | - | **e**

B la. | - | - | - | - | **e**

Pno. *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.* *f* *ff*

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Tempo primo

S 1

Where sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring, Where

S 2

Where sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring, Where

A

Where sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring, Where

T

Where sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring, Where

B

Where sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring, Where

Tempo primo

Pno.

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S 1

sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring,

S 2

sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring,

A

sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring,

T

sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring,

B

sil - ver sands and peb - bles sing E - ter - nal dit-ties to the spring,

Pno.

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S 1 There shall you pass the wel - come night In syl - van

S 2 There shall you pass the wel - come night, the night

A There shall you pass the wel - come night In syl -

T There shall you pass the wel - come night In syl - van

B There shall you pass the wel - come night In syl - van

Pno.

Flauto

56

S 1 pleas - ure and de - light, In syl - van pleas-ure and de - light.

S 2 In syl - van pleas - ure, in pleas-ure and de - light.

A - van pleas - ure, in pleas-ure and de - light.

T pleas - ure and de - light, In syl - van pleas-ure and de - light.

B pleas - ure and de - light, In pleas-ure, in pleas-ure and de - light.

Pno.

cresc.

pp

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Grazioso, e non lento Allegro $\text{♩} = 138$

dol.

S 1 With a fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la la, with a
dol.

S 2 With a fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la la, with a
dol.

A With a fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la la, with a
dol.

T With a fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la la, with a
dol.

B With a fa la la la la la, with a fa la la la la la, with a

Grazioso, e non lento Allegro $\text{♩} = 138$

Pno. *pp*

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S 1 fa la la la la la, fa la la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la la.
cresc.

S 2 fa la la la la la, fa la la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la la.
cresc.

A fa la la la la la, fa la la la la, fa la, fa lal la la, fa lal la la la.
cresc.

T fa la la la la la, fa la la la la, fa la lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la la.
cresc.

B fa la la la la la, fa la la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la la.

Pno. *cresc.* *mf*

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Più vivace $\text{♩} = 160$

S 1 With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, With a
 S 2 With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, With a
 A With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, With a
 T With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a
 B With a fa la la la la, with a fa la la la la, with a

Pno.

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S 1 fa la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la
 S 2 fa la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la
 A fa la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la
 T fa la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la
 B fa la la la la, fa la la la, fa lal la, fa lal la, fa lal la la

Pno.

cresc. cresc. f

The musical score consists of six staves. The top five staves represent vocal parts: Soprano 1 (S1), Soprano 2 (S2), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). Each of these parts has a single note (F#) at the beginning of the measure, followed by a fermata and a sustained note. The bottom staff represents the Piano (Pno), which plays a continuous harmonic progression of chords. The piano part features dynamic markings 'ff' (fortissimo) and crescendo/decrescendo arrows indicating a build-up and release of sound.

Sir Henry Rowley Bishop (1786-1855) was born in London, son of a watchmaker and haberdasher. He left full-time education at age 13 to work as a music-publisher with his cousin. He trained as a jockey and took lessons in harmony. Bishop worked for all the major theatres of London in his era and was one of the original directors of the Philharmonic Society. He was Professor of Music in the University of Edinburgh and at the University of Oxford. He composed or arranged around 120 dramatic works, including 80 operas, light operas, cantatas, and ballets. His opera "Clari," with a libretto by the American John Howard Payne, included the song Home! Sweet Home!, which became enormously popular. It was popular in the United States throughout the American Civil War and after. His second wife, singer Ann Rivière, sang in every continent and was the most widely travelled opera singer of the 19th century. He had a plentiful income during his lifetime but died in poverty in London.

O, by rivers, by whose falls
Melodious birds sing madrigals;
The shepherd swains shall dance and play
For thy delight on each Mayday.

Where silver sands and pebbles sing
Eternal ditties to the spring,
There shall you pass the welcome night,
In sylvan pleasure and delight.

Christopher Marlowe (1564-1593)

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