



Six Pastoral Part-songs
No. 1

O'er Silv'ry Waters

Edward Bunnett
(1834-1923)

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Andante con moto ♩ = 80

The musical score consists of four staves, each representing a vocal part: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music is in common time (indicated by '8') and G major (indicated by a 'G' with a sharp sign). The vocal parts sing in unison. The lyrics are: "O'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters Let us gen - tly row," repeated three times. Dynamic markings include 'mf' (mezzo-forte) at the beginning, 'p' (piano) for the second and third endings, and a fermata over the last note of the third ending.

The musical score continues with the same four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). The lyrics change to: "Where the lil - ies, white and gold, In their glo - ry grow!," followed by "row, The lil - ies, white and gold, In their glo - ry grow!" and "row, White and gold, In their glo - ry grow!". Crescendo markings ('cresc.') are placed above the first two endings, and a fermata is present over the last note of the third ending.

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S Whilst 'tis ear - ly morn - ing, And the dew - drops gleam.

A Whilst 'tis ear - ly morn - ing, And the dew - drops gleam.

T Whilst 'tis ear - ly morn - ing, And the dew - drops gleam.

B Whilst 'tis ear - ly morn - ing, And the dew - drops gleam.

13

S O, 'tis sweet_ to float a - long, Sing - ing o'er the stream!

A O, 'tis sweet_ to float a - long, Sing - ing o'er the stream!

T O, 'tis sweet to float a - long, Sing - ing o'er the stream!

B O, 'tis sweet_ to float a - long, Sing - ing o'er the stream!

Allegretto ♩ = 92

17

S Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

A Sing the boat - song, sing the boat - song, hey! the boat - song, ho! As

T Sing the boat - song, sing the boat - song, hey! the boat - song, ho! As

B Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

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S o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

A o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

T o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

B o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

25

S Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

A Sing the boat - song, sing the boat - song, hey! boat - song, ho! As

T Sing the boat - song, hey! boat - song, hey! boat - song, ho! As

B Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

29

S o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row! *rall.* $\frac{6}{8}$

A o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row! *rall.* $\frac{6}{8}$

T o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row! *rall.* $\frac{6}{8}$

B o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row! *rall.* $\frac{6}{8}$

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S O'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters, Now the beams of day

A O'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters, Now the beams of day, beams of

T O'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters, Now the beams of day, beams of

B O'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters, Now the beams of day, beams of

O'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters, Now the beams of day _____

37

S Sink with - in the dis - tant west, Let us take our way.

A day With - in the dis - tant west, Let us take our way.

T day, dis - tant west, Let us take our way.

B Sink with - in the dis - tant west, Let us take our way.

41

S From the leaf - y wood - lands, From the dusk - y vales,

A From the leaf - y wood - lands, From the dusk - y vales,

T From the leaf - y wood - lands, From the dusk - y vales,

B From the leaf - y wood - lands, From the dusk - y vales,

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45

S Join - ing us____ with peer - less voice, Trill____ the night - in - gales!

A Join - ing us____ with peer - less voice, Trill____ the night - in - gales!

T Join - ing us____ with peer - less voice, Trill____ the night - in - gales!

B Join - ing us____ with peer - less voice, Trill____ the night - in - gales!

Allegretto $\text{♩} = 92$

49

S Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

A Sing the boat - song, ing the boat - song, hey! the boat - song, ho! As

T Sing the boat - song, sing the boat - song, hey! the boat - song, ho! As

B Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

53

S o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

A o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

T o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

B o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

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57

S Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

A Sing the boat - song, sing the boat - song, hey! boat - song, ho! As

T Sing the boat - song, hey! boat - song, hey! boat - song, ho! As

B Sing the boat - song, hey! Sing the boat - song, ho! As

61

S o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

A o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

T o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

B o'er the sil - v'ry wa - ters' breast We blithe - ly on - ward row!

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Edward Bennett (1834–1923) was born at Shipdham, Norfolk, England. He trained as a chorister at Norwich Cathedral and became assistant to Zechariah Buck at the Cathedral. He graduated from Cambridge. He was organist of St. Peter's, Mancroft, then appointed Borough Organist, serving for many years. He was conductor of the Norwich Musical Union and organist of the Norwich Musical Festivals. He was active as recitalist and lecturer. His compositions include a *De Profundis*, services, anthems, cantatas, a comedietta, Piano pieces, organ pieces, and part-songs. He celebrated his musical jubilee, April 18, 1890, when he was presented by the Mayor with “an address and handsome testimonial from his fellow citizens.”

O'er the silv'ry waters
 Let us gently row,
Where the lilies, white and gold,
 In their glory grow!
Whilst 'tis early morning,
 And the dewdrops gleam.
O, 'tis sweet to float along,
 Singing o'er the stream!

Sing the boat-song, hey!
Sing the boat-song, ho!
As o'er the silv'ry waters' breast
We blithely onward row!

O'er the silv'ry waters,
 Now the beams of day
Sink within the distant west,
 Let us take our way.
From the leafy woodlands,
 From the dusky vales,
Joining us with peerless voice,
 Trill the nightingales!

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