



# **The Nights**

**F.A. Challinor  
(1866-1952)**

**Frederick Arthur Challinor** (1866-1952) was born near Caverswall, Staffordshire, England. His father worked in the coal mines and was a Methodist Lay Preacher. He left school at age ten to work in a brick factory and held a succession of labor jobs. He learned music from a fellow worker and through self study using Alfred Robert Gaul's book on harmony, spending his free time studying music and enduring ridicule from fellow workers. He began to teach music and passed the local Royal Academy of Music examination. He was admitted into the Royal College of Music and studied at Durham University. He was a recognized music teacher and composer. He was best known for his anthems, part songs, cantatas, and hymn tunes. He died in Paignton, Devon, England.

Oh, the Summer Night  
Has a smile of light,  
And she sits on a sapphire throne;  
Whilst the sweet Winds clothe her  
With garlands of odour,  
From the bud to the rose o'er-blown!  
But the Autumn Night  
Has a piercing sight,  
And a step both strong and free;  
And a voice for wonder,  
Like the wrath of the Thunder,  
When he shouts to the stormy sea!

And the Winter Night  
Is all cold and white.  
And she singeth a song of pain;  
Till the wild bee hummeth,  
And the warm Spring cometh,  
When she dies in a dream of rain!

Oh, the Night brings sleep  
To the green woods deep;  
To the bird of the woods its nest;  
To Care soft hours;  
To life new powers;  
To the sick and the weary,—Rest!

Bryan Waller Procter (pseud. Barry Cornwall) (1787-1874)

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**Andante** ♩ = 72

The musical score consists of four staves, one for each voice: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music is in 3/4 time, key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The vocal parts are written in soprano, alto, tenor, and bass clefs respectively. The lyrics "Oh, the Summer Night" are repeated three times across the four staves, with "Has a smile of light," and "And she" appearing once. Measure numbers 1 through 10 are indicated above the staves. The dynamic marking "mp" (mezzo-piano) is shown above the first staff.

S  
Oh, the Sum - mer Night Has a smile of light, And she

A  
Oh, the Sum - mer Night Has a smile of light, And she

T  
Oh, the Sum - mer Night Has a smile of light, And she

B  
Oh, the Sum - mer Night Has a smile of light, And she

S

sits on her sap - phire throne; Whilst the sweet Winds

A

sits on her throne; Whilst the sweet Winds

T

<sup>8</sup> sits on her sap - phire throne; Whilst the sweet Winds

B

sits on her throne; Whilst the sweet Winds

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S clothe her With gar - lands of o - dour, From the bud to the rose o'er-  
A clothe her With gar - lands of o - dour, From the bud, from the  
T clothe her With gar - lands of o - dour, From the bud to the rose o'er-  
B clothe her With gar - lands of o - dour, From the bud, From the bud. from the

13

S blown, from the bud to the rose o'er-blown!  
A bud to the rose o'er-blown, to the rose o'er-blown!  
T blown, to the rose o'er-blown!  
B bud to the rose o'er-blown, to the rose o'er-blown!

Più animato  $\text{♩} = 80$

S But the  
A But the  
T But the Au - tumn Night Has a pierc - ing sight, a pierc - ing  
B But the Au - tumn Night Has a pierc - ing sight, a pierc - ing

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19

S Au - tumn Night Has a pierc - ing sight, And a step both strong and

A Au - tumn Night Has a pierc - ing sight, And a step both strong and

T sight, a pierc - ing sight, And a step both strong and

B sight, And a step both strong and

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

22

S free, a step both strong and

A free, a step both strong and

T free, a step both strong and

B free, a step both strong and

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

25

S free;

A free;

T free; And a voice for

B free; And a voice for won - der, Like the

*f*

*f*

*f*

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Soprano (S): And a voice for won - der, Like the wrath,  
Alto (A): won - der, Like the wrath, the wrath  
Tenor (T): wrath of the Thun - der, like the  
Bass (B): of the Thun - der, like the

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Soprano (S): — the wrath of the Thun - der, When he  
Alto (A): — of the Thun - der, When he  
Tenor (T): der, like the wrath of the the  
Bass (B): wrath, the wrath

34

Soprano (S): shouts to the storm - - - y, to the storm - - - y  
Alto (A): shouts to the storm - - - y, to the storm - - - y  
Tenor (T): Thun - der, When he shouts to the storm - - - y  
Bass (B): of the Thun - der, When he shouts to the storm - - - y

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37                          *a tempo*

S                          sea,                          when he shouts to the storm - y seal! \_\_\_\_\_

A                          *f*                          *rall. e molto cresc.*

T                          sea,                          when he shouts to the storm - y seal! \_\_\_\_\_

B                          *f*                          *rall. e molto cresc.*

8                          sea,                          when he shouts to the storm - y seal! \_\_\_\_\_

B                          *f*                          *rall. e molto cresc.*

sea,                  when he shouts \_\_\_\_\_ to the storm - y seal! \_\_\_\_\_

43

Soprano (S): Win - ter Night Is all cold and white, all cold and

Alto (A): (melodic line continues from previous measure)

Tenor (T): (harmonic notes)

Bass (B): (harmonic notes)

poco rall.

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S white.  
A white.  
T all cold and white,  
B all cold and white,

49

S sing - eth a song of pain;  
A sing - eth a song of pain;  
T she  
B she

53

S Till the  
A Till the  
T sing - eth a song of pain;  
B sing - eth a song of pain;

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57

S wild bee hum - meth, And the warm Spring  
A wild bee hum - meth, And the warm Spring  
T Till the wild bee hum - meth, And the  
B Till the wild bee hum - meth, And the

60

S com - eth, When she dies, she dies in a  
A com - eth, When she dies, she dies in a  
T warm Spring com - eth, When she dies in a  
B warm Spring com - eth, When she dies in a

63

S dream of rain, of rain!  
A dream of rain, in a dream of rain!  
T dream of rain, in a dream of rain!  
B dream of rain, in a dream of rain!

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**Tempo primo**

67

Soprano (S): Oh, the Night brings sleep To the green woods deep;

Alto (A): Oh, the Night brings sleep To the green woods

Tenor (T): Oh, the Night brings sleep To the green woods

Bass (B): Oh, the Night brings sleep To the green woods

70

Soprano (S): To the bird of the woods its nest;

Alto (A): deep; To the bird its nest;

Tenor (T): deep; To the bird of the woods its nest;

Bass (B): deep; To the bird its nest;

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Soprano (S): To Care soft hours; To

Alto (A): To Care soft hours; To

Tenor (T): nest; To Care soft hours; To

Bass (B): nest; To Care soft hours; To

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76

S life new pow'rs; To the sick and the wear - y, -  
A life new pow'rs; To the sick, to the  
T life new pow'rs; To the sick and the wear - y, -  
B life new pow'rs; To the sick, to the

79

S Rest, to the sick and the sick and the wear - y, - Rest, to the sick and the Rest, to the sick and the wear - y, - Rest, to the sick and the

82

S wear - y, - Rest! a tempo dim. e rall. al Fine  
A wear - y, - Rest! to the wear - y, - Rest!  
T wear - y, - Rest! to the wear - y, - Rest!  
B wear - y, - Rest! to the wear - y, - Rest!

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