



Snow-Drops

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(1858-1933)

Theodor Liley Clemens (1858-1933) was the son of a Moravian minister and was born in Yorkshire, England. He taught at Ockbrook, England, and was ordained a Deacon. He became a missionary, serving as pastor in Antigua, West Indies, and in Moriah, Tobago. He lived in the United States from 1917-1922, then returned to England. He died in Brackley, Northamptonshire, England. He trained choirs in West Indies churches and wrote much music for them. His compositions are mainly hymns, anthems, piano and organ pieces, and songs.

When all around is dark and still,
Beneath a wintry sky,
The snow-drops come our hearts to thrill,
And lead our thoughts on high.

Their tiny hells of virgin white
Above the ground appear,
And, gladdened by the pleasant sight,
We know that Spring is near.

For though so long in seeming death
These flowerets hidden lie,
They only wait the first warm breath
Of Spring that passes by.

And, as the sunny days of Spring
Wake up each blooming flower
So shall we rise on angel's wing
In God's own chosen hour.

(omitted verses)
Then Nature, from her lengthened sleep
Opens her smiling eyes,
And songs and praises, loud and deep,
From all creation rise.

They lead our thoughts to think on those
Whose life on earth is o'er,
Who now beneath the grass repose—
"Not lost, but gone before."

from the Swedish, translated by
Ellin Isabelle Tupper (1836-?)

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Allegretto

S *p* When all a-round is dark and still, Be - neath a win - try sky, The

A *p* When all a - round is dark and still, Be - neath a win - try sky, The

T *p* When all a - round is dark and still, Be - neath a win - try sky, The

B *p* When all a - round is dark and still, Be - neath a win - try sky, The

5 *cresc.* *f* *cresc.*
S snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high; The

cresc. *f* *cresc.*
A snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high; The

cresc. *f* *cresc.*
T snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high; The

cresc. *f* *cresc.*
B snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high; The



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S *dim.* *p*
snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high.

A *dim.* *p*
snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high.

T *dim.* *p*
snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high.

B *dim.* *p*
snow - drops come our hearts to thrill, And lead our thoughts on high.

S *p*
Their ti - ny hells of vir - gin white A - bove the ground ap - pear, Their

A *p*
Their ti - ny hells of vir - gin white A - bove the ground ap - pear, Their

T *p*
Their ti - ny hells A - bove the ground ap - pear,

B *p*
Their ti - ny hells ap - pear,

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S *cresc.*
ti - ny hells of vir - gin white A - bove the ground ap - pear, And,

A *cresc.*
ti - ny hells of vir - gin white A - bove the ground ap - pear And,

T *p* *cresc.*
Their ti - ny hells A - bove the ground ap - pear, And,

B *p* *cresc.*
Their ti - ny hells ap - pear And,

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21 *f* *>*

S glad - den'd by the pleas - ant sight, We know that Spring is near; — And, *f*

A glad - den'd by the sight, We know that Spring is near; We *f*

T glad - den'd by the sight, We know that Spring is near; — We *f*

B glad - den'd by the sight, We know that Spring is near; And, glad - den'd by the *f* *>*

26 *rit.*

S glad - den'd, We know that Spring is near, We know that Spring is near. *rit.*

A know, we know that Spring is near, We know that Spring is near. *rit.*

T know, we know that Spring is near, — We know that Spring is near. *rit.*

B sight, We know that Spring is near, We know that Spring is near. *rit.*

a tempo *p*

S For tho' so long in seem - ing death These flow'r - ets hid - den lie, — They *a tempo*

A For tho' so long in seem - ing death These flow'r - ets hid - den lie, They *a tempo*

T For tho' so long in seem - ing death These flow'r - ets hid - den lie, — They *a tempo*

B For tho' so long in seem - ing death These flow'r - ets hid - den lie, They *a tempo*

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35 *cresc.* *f*

S on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by; They

A *cresc.* *f*

A on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by; They

T *cresc.* *f*

T on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by; They

B *cresc.* *f*

B on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by; They

39 *dim.* *p*

S on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by.

A *dim.* *p*

A on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by.

T *dim.* *p*

T on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by.

B *dim.* *p*

B on - ly wait the first warm breath Of Spring that pass - es by.

43 *p*

S And, as the sun - ny days of Spring Wake up each bloom - ing flow'r, And,

A *p*

A And, as the sun - ny days of Spring Wake up each bloom - ing flow'r, And,

T *p*

T As days of Spring Wake up each bloom - ing flow'r,

B *p*

B And, as the bloom - ing flow'r,

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S as the sun - ny days of Spring Wake up each bloom - ing flow'r _____ So

A as the sun - ny days of Spring Wake up each bloom - ing flow'r _____ So

T _____ As days of Spring Wake up each bloom - ing flow'r _____ So

B _____ And, as the bloom - ing flow'r _____ So

cresc.

p

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S shall we rise on an - gel's wing In God's own cho - sen hour; _____ So

A shall, so shall we rise In God's own cho - sen hour; _____ In

T shall, so shall we rise In God's own cho - sen hour; _____ In

B shall, so shall we rise In God's own cho - sen hour; So shall we rise, so

f

f

f

f

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S shall we rise In God's own cho - sen hour, In God's own cho - sen hour.

A God's, in God's own cho - sen hour, In God's own cho - sen hour.

T God's, in God's own cho - sen hour, _____ In God's own cho - sen hour.

B shall we rise In God's own hour, In God's own cho - sen hour.

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

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