



# **In Heather Time**

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(1874-1941)**

**William Ralph Cox** (1874–1941) was born in Galion, Ohio, son of a hardware wholesaler and graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He pursued further studies in New York, Paris, and Florence, then settled in New York as a teacher of singing, organist, and composer. He taught at the Kellerman Institute of Art, Brooklyn, and the Warford School of Music, Morristown, New Jersey. He operated a studio at the Metropolitan Opera House and was organist and choirmaster at the First Presbyterian Church, Orange, New Jersey. He died in Manhattan. His compositions include keyboard pieces, choral pieces, and songs.

'Tis heather time, together time—  
Come, Lassie, hear the thrush  
A winging down the twilight paths,  
A calling through the hush!  
Ah, listen to the bonnie lay  
The breezes waft along;  
“’Tis mating time, not waiting time,  
When all the world’s a song!”

“’Tis heather time, together time,”  
The poppies nod and croon;  
The bluebells scamper down the hills,  
All dancing to the rune;  
The blackbird whistles on the brae,  
Beside his dusky spouse;  
“’Tis loving time, not roving time,  
And we are building house!”

'Tis heather time, together time—  
Oh, tender days and sweet!  
I know a way that winds to kirk;  
'Twas made for lassie feet;  
I know a little manse that dreams  
Beside a singing sea;  
'Tis homing time, love’s gloaming time,  
If ye’ll bide there with me!

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Allegretto

S

A

T

B

Piano

*mf*

'Tis

*mf*

'Tis

*mf*

'Tis

*mf*

'Tis

*f*

*mf*

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5

S  
heath - er time, to - geth - er time— Come, Las - sie, hear the thrush A

A  
heath - er time, to - geth - er time— Come, Las - sie, hear the thrush A

T  
heath - er time, to - geth - er time— Come, Las - sie, hear the thrush A

B  
heath - er time, to - geth - er time— Come, Las - sie, hear the thrush A

Pno.

9

S  
wing - ing down the twi - light paths, A call - ing thro' the hush! Ah,

A  
wing - ing down the twi - light paths, A call - ing thro' the hush! Ah,

T  
wing - ing down the twi - light paths, A call - ing thro' the hush! Ah,

B  
wing - ing down the twi - light paths, A call - ing thro' the hush! Ah,

Pno.

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13 *f con anima*

S  
lis - ten to the bon - nie lay The breez - es waft a - long; "Tis

A  
lis - ten to the bon - nie lay The breez - es waft a - long; "Tis

T  
lis - ten to the bon - nie lay The breez - es waft a - long; "Tis

B  
lis - ten to the bon - nie lay The breez - es waft a - long; "Tis

Pno. *f con anima*

17

S  
mat - ing time, not wait - ing time, When all the world's a song!"

A  
mat - ing time, not wait - ing time, When all the world's a song!"

T  
mat - ing time, not wait - ing time, When all the world's a song!"

B  
mat - ing time, not wait - ing time, When all the world's a song!"

Pno.

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S *mf* "Tis

A *mf* "Tis

T *mf* "Tis

B *mf* "Tis

Pno. *mf*

25

S *p dolce* heath - er time, to - geth - er time," The pop - pies nod and croon; The

A *p dolce* heath - er time, to - geth - er time," The pop - pies nod and croon; The

T *p dolce* heath - er time, to - geth - er time," The pop - pies nod and croon; The

B *p dolce* heath - er time, to - geth - er time," The pop - pies nod and croon; The

Pno. *p*

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29 *accel.* *a tempo*

S blue - bells scam - per down the hills, All danc - ing to the rune; The

A blue - bells scam - per down the hills, All danc - ing to the rune; The

T blue - bells scam - per down the hills, All danc - ing to the rune; The

B blue - bells scam - per down the hills, All danc - ing to the rune; The

Pno. *accel.* *a tempo*

33 *f con anima*

S black - bird whis - tles on the brae, Be - side his dusk - y spouse; "Tis

A black - bird whis - tles on the brae, Be - side his dusk - y spouse; "Tis

T black - bird whis - tles on the brae, Be - side his dusk - y spouse; "Tis

B black - bird whis - tles on the brae, Be - side his dusk - y spouse; "Tis

Pno. *f con anima*

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S lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house! 'Tis

A lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house! 'Tis

T lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house! 'Tis

B lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house! 'Tis

Pno.

41

S lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house!"

A lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house!"

T lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house!"

B lov - ing time, not rov - ing time, And we are build - ing house!"

Pno.



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S *mf* 'Tis heath - er time, to -

A *mf* 'Tis heath - er time, to -

T *mf* 'Tis heath - er time, to -

B *mf* 'Tis heath - er time, to -

Pno. *mf*

49

S *p dolce* geth - er time— Oh, ten - der days and sweet! I know a way that

A *p dolce* geth - er time— Oh, ten - der days and sweet! I know a way that

T *p dolce* geth - er time— Oh, ten - der days and sweet! I know a way that

B *p dolce* geth - er time— Oh, ten - der days and sweet! I know a way that

Pno. *p*

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*accel.* *f* *a tempo*

S winds to kirk; 'Twas made for las - sie feet; I know a lit - tle

A winds to kirk; 'Twas made for las - sie feet; I know a lit - tle

T winds to kirk; 'Twas made for las - sie feet; I know a lit - tle

B winds to kirk; 'Twas made for las - sie feet; I know a lit - tle

Pno. *accel.* *f* *a tempo*

57

*mf con anima*

S manse that dreams Be - side a sing - ing sea; 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

A manse that dreams Be - side a sing - ing sea; 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

T manse that dreams Be - side a sing - ing sea; 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

B manse that dreams Be - side a sing - ing sea; 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

Pno. *mf con anima*

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61

S  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me! 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

A  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me! 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

T  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me! 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

B  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me! 'Tis hom - ing time, love's

Pno.

65

S  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me!

A  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me!

T  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me!

B  
gloam - ing time, If ye'll bide there with me!

Pno.

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