



The Minstrels

Thomas Crampton
(1817-1885)

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Allegretto con spirito

S To___ wel - come mirth and harm - less___ glee, We ram - bling min - strels,

A To wel - come mirth and harm - less glee, We ram - bling min - strels,

T To___ wel - come mirth and harm - less glee, We ram - bling min - strels,

B To wel - come mirth and harm - less glee, We ram - bling min - strels,

S blithe___ and___ free, With song the laugh - ing hours be - guile, And

A blithe and free, With song the laugh - ing hours be - guile, And

T blithe and free, With song the laugh - ing hours be - guile, And

B blithe and free, With song the laugh - ing hours be - guile, And

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S wear a nev - er - fad - ing smile, And wear a nev - er -

A wear a nev - er - fad - ing smile, And wear a nev - er -

T wear a nev - er - fad - ing smile, And wear a nev - er -

B wear a nev - er - fad - ing smile, And wear a nev - er -

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S fad - ing smile: *p* Wher - e'er we roam, We find a home, *f* And

A fad - ing smile: *p* Wher - e'er we roam, We find a home, *f* And

T fad - ing smile: *f* And

B fad - ing smile: *p* Wher - e'er we roam, We find a home, *f* And

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S greet - ing, to re - ward our toil, Wher - e'er we roam,

A greet - ing, to re - ward our toil, Wher - e'er we roam,

T greet - ing, to re - ward our toil, We

B greet - ing, to re - ward our toil, We

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S
Wher - e'er we roam,

A
Wher - e'er we roam, We find a home,

T
8 find a home, And

B
find a home, Wher - e'er we roam, We find a home, And

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S
Wher - e'er we roam, We

A
Wher - e'er we roam, We

T
8 greet - ing, to re - ward our toil, We

B
greet - ing, to re - ward our toil, Wher - e'er we roam,

22

S
find a home, *f* And greet - ing, greet - ing, *p* to re - ward our

A
find a home, *f* And greet - ing, greet - ing, *p* to re - ward our

T
8 find a home, *f* And greet - ing, greet - ing, *p* to re - ward our

B
f *p*
And greet - ing, greet - ing, to re - ward our

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S
toil, And greet - ing, to re - ward our toil.

A
toil, And greet - ing, to re - ward our toil.

T
toil, And greet - ing, to re - ward our toil.

B
toil, And greet - ing, to re - ward our toil.

BASS

30 *mf*

B
No anx - ious griefs dis - turb our rest, Nor

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B
bus - y cares an - noy our breast;

TUTTI

38 *Andante dolce*

S
Fear - less we sink in soft re - pose, While

A
Fear - less we sink in soft re - pose, While

T
Fear - less we sink in soft re - pose,

B

While

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S night her sa - ble man - tle throws, while

A night her sa - ble man - tle throws,

T While night her sa - ble man - tle throws, while

B night her sa - ble man - tle throws, while

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S night her sa - ble man - tle throws.

A her sa - ble man - tle throws.

T night her sa - ble man - tle throws.

B night her sa - ble man - tle throws.

Tempo primo

S With grate - ful lay, Hail, ris - ing day, That ros - y health and

A With grate - ful lay, Hail, ris - ing day, That ros - y health and

T With grate - ful lay, Hail, ris - ing day,

B With grate - ful lay, Hail, ris - ing day, That ros - y health and

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S peace be - stows, That ros - y health and peace be - stows! With

A peace be - stows, That ros - y health and peace be - stows! With

T That ros - y health and peace be - stows! With

B peace be - stows, That ros - y health and peace be - stows!

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S grate - ful lay, Hail, ris - ing day, With grate - ful lay, Hail,

A grate - ful lay, Hail, ris - ing day, With grate - ful lay, Hail,

T grate - ful lay, Hail, ris - ing day,

B

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S ris - ing day, That ros - y health and peace be - stows!

A ris - ing day, That ros - y health and peace be - stows!

T That ros - y health and peace be - stows!

B That ros - y health and peace be - stows!

Thomas Crampton (1817-1885) was born in Sheerness, Kent, England. He became known as an organist, composer, and music expert. He was editor of *Pitman's Musical Monthly* and was appointed purchaser of music for the British Museum. He composed instrumental music, anthems, glees and part-songs. A special passion was writing music for children. He was musical editor of the Boston periodical *Our little ones and the nursery*, although he never visited the United States. He died in Chiswick, England.

To welcome mirth and harmless glee,
We rambling minstrels, blithe and free,
With song the laughing hours beguile,
And wear a never-fading smile:
 Where'er we roam,
 We find a home,
And greeting, to reward our toil.

No anxious griefs disturb our rest,
Nor busy cares annoy our breast;
Fearless we sink in soft repose,
While night her sable mantle throws.
 With grateful lay,
 Hail, rising day,
That rosy health and peace bestows!

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August Friedrich Ferdinand von Kotzebue (1761-1819)
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