



# **Water-lilies**

**Luther Orlando Emerson  
(1820-1915)**

# Water-lilies

L. O. Emerson

Cheerfully

S  
Come where wa - ter - lil - ies grow On the plac - id lake;

A  
Come where wa - ter - lil - ies grow On the plac - id lake;

T  
La la la la la la la,

B  
La la la la la la la,

5  
S  
Where the wave - lets, soft and low, Sweet - est mu - sic make.

A  
Where the wave - lets, soft and low, Sweet - est mu - sic make.

T  
Where the wave - lets, soft and low, Sweet - est mu - sic make.

B  
Where the wave - lets, soft and low, Sweet - est mu - sic make.



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9

S We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

A We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

T We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

B We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

13

S Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

A Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

T Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

B Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

17

S Come where sun - beams gleam and glance, Skies of blue smile o'er;

A Come where sun - beams gleam and glance, Skies of blue smile o'er;

T La la la la la la la,

B La la la la la la la,

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21

S And the zeph - yrs gai - ly dance, Still from shore to shore.

A And the zeph - yrs gai - ly dance, Still from shore to shore.

T And the zeph - yrs gai - ly dance, Still from shore to shore.

B And the zeph - yrs gai - ly dance, Still from shore to shore.

25

S We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

A We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

T We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

B We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

29

S Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

A Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

T Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

B Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

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33

S Come where fra - grant blos - soms rest, Nor from dreams a - wake;

A Come where fra - grant blos - soms rest, Nor from dreams a - wake;

T La la la la la la la,

B La la la la la la la,

37

S As the slum - ber on the breast Of the peace - ful lake.

A As the slum - ber on the breast Of the peace - ful lake.

T As the slum - ber on the breast Of the peace - ful lake.

B As the slum - ber on the breast Of the peace - ful lake.

41

S We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

A We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

T We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

B We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

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45

S Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

A Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

T Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

B Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

49

S Come be - fore the bird - lets sleep, And the shad - ows fall;

A Come be - fore the bird - lets sleep, And the shad - ows fall;

T La la la la la la la,

B La la la la la la la,

53

S Ere the stars their watch - es keep Bright - ly o - ver all.

A Ere the stars their watch - es keep Bright - ly o - ver all.

T Ere the stars their watch - es keep Bright - ly o - ver all.

B Ere the stars their watch - es keep Bright - ly o - ver all.

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57

S We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

A We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

T We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

B We will launch our fair - y boat, On the rip - pling wave - let float;

61

S Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

A Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

T Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

B Drift - ing, dream - ing, to and fro, Where sweet lil - ies grow.

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**Luther Orlando Emerson** was born in Parsonsfield, Maine. He originally planned to be a doctor, attending Parsonsfield Seminary and Effingham Academy. Changing his direction, he studied under the well-known music teacher Isaac Woodbury. He moved to Salem, Massachusetts, where he taught for several years. He moved to Boston as organist and musical director at the Bulfinch Street Church. He was organist and musical director in various churches in Massachusetts, and directed of about 300 musical festivals and conventions. He also became associated with the publishing house Oliver Ditson & Company in Boston. He compiled several collections of church music, and authored a number of training manuals and compilations for choirs. He died in Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

Come where water-lilies grow  
On the placid lake;  
Where the wavelets, soft and low,  
Sweetest music make.

*We will launch our fairy boat,  
On the rippling wavelet float;  
Drifting, dreaming, to and fro,  
Where sweet lilies grow.*

Come where sunbeams gleam and glance,  
Skies of blue smile o'er;  
And the zephyrs gaily dance,  
Still from shore to shore.

Come where fragrant blossoms rest,  
Nor from dreams awake;  
As the slumber on the breast  
Of the peaceful lake.

Come before the birdlets sleep,  
And the shadows fall;  
Ere the stars their watches keep  
Brightly over all.

A. W. French

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