



The fisher boy

Howard Kingsbury
(1842-1878)

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Spirited

S
Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! The nets are spread out to the sun: _____

A
Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! The nets are spread out to the sun: _____

T
Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! The nets are spread out to the sun: _____

B
Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! The nets are spread out to the sun: _____

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S
Mer - ri - ly oh! the Fish - er Boy sings, Right glad that his la - bour is done. _____

A
Mer - ri - ly oh! the Fish - er Boy sings, Right glad that his la - bour is done. _____

T
Mer - ri - ly oh! the Fish - er Boy sings, Right glad that his la - bour is done. _____

B
Mer - ri - ly oh! the Fish - er Boy sings, Right glad that his la - bour is done. _____



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S Hap - py and gay, with his boat in the bay, The storm and the dan - ger for - got; _____ The

A Hap - py and gay, with his boat in the bay, The storm and the dan - ger for - got; _____ The

T Hap - py and gay, with his boat in the bay, The storm and the dan - ger for - got; _____ The

B Hap - py and gay, with his boat in the bay, The storm and the dan - ger for - got; _____ The

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S wealth - y and great might re - pine at their state, And en - vy the Fish - er Boy's lot. _____

A wealth - y and great might re - pine at their state, And en - vy the Fish - er Boy's lot. _____

T wealth - y and great might re - pine at their state, And en - vy the Fish - er Boy's lot. _____

B wealth - y and great might re - pine at their state, And en - vy the Fish - er Boy's lot. _____

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S Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

A Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

T Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

B Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

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S
A
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“Cheer - i - ly oh! tho’ the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives.” _____

“Cheer - i - ly oh! tho’ the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives.” _____

“Cheer - i - ly oh! tho’ the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives.” _____

“Cheer - i - ly oh! tho’ the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives.” _____

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B

Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

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S
A
T
B

jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

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S Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! He sleeps till the morn - ing breaks; _____

A Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! He sleeps till the morn - ing breaks; _____

T Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! He sleeps till the morn - ing breaks; _____

B Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! He sleeps till the morn - ing breaks; _____

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S Mer - ri - ly oh! at the sea - gull's scream The Fish - er Boy quick - ly a - wakes. _____

A Mer - ri - ly oh! at the sea - gull's scream The Fish - er Boy quick - ly a - wakes. _____

T Mer - ri - ly oh! at the sea - gull's scream The Fish - er Boy quick - ly a - wakes. _____

B Mer - ri - ly oh! at the sea - gull's scream The Fish - er Boy quick - ly a - wakes. _____

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S Down on the strand he is ply - ing his hand, His shout - ing is heard a - gain; _____ The

A Down on the strand he is ply - ing his hand, His shout - ing is heard a - gain; _____ The

T Down on the strand he is ply - ing his hand, His shout - ing is heard a - gain; _____ The

B Down on the strand he is ply - ing his hand, His shout - ing is heard a - gain; _____ The

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S clouds are dark, but he springs to his bark With the same light-heart - ed strain. _____

A clouds are dark, but he springs to his bark With the same light-heart - ed strain. _____

T clouds are dark, but he springs to his bark With the same light-heart - ed strain. _____

B clouds are dark, but he springs to his bark With the same light-heart - ed strain. _____

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S Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

A Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

T Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

B Mer - ri - ly oh! mer - ri - ly oh! This is the bur - den he gives: _____

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S "Cheer - i - ly oh! tho' the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives." _____

A "Cheer - i - ly oh! tho' the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives." _____

T "Cheer - i - ly oh! tho' the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives." _____

B "Cheer - i - ly oh! tho' the blast may blow, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives." _____

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S Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

A Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

T Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

B Jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, _____

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S jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

A jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

T jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

B jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly, jol - li - ly lives, The fish - er boy jol - li - ly lives. _____

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(1874)

Howard Kingsbury (1842–1878) was born in New York City, New York, and graduated from Yale University. He became an ordained minister, serving at the Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio, and later at the Village Church in Amherst, Massachusetts. He died in Amherst. He wrote many hymns, and wrote part songs for singing schools and conventions. Some of his songs were recognized by the Sol-Fa movement and republished by John Curwen's company in England in both traditional and sol-fa notation.

Merrily oh! merrily oh!
The nets are spread out to the sun:
Merrily oh! the Fisher Boy sings,
Right glad that his labour is done.
Happy and gay, with his boat in the bay,
The storm and the danger forgot;
The wealthy and great might repine at their state,
And envy the Fisher Boy's lot.
Merrily oh! merrily oh!
This is the burden he gives:
"Cheerily oh! though the blast may blow,
The fisher boy jollily lives."

Merrily oh! merrily oh!
He sleeps till the morning breaks;
Merrily oh! at the seagull's scream
The Fisher Boy quickly awakes.
Down on the strand he is plying his hand,
His shouting is heard again;
The clouds are dark, but he springs to his bark
With the same light-hearted strain.
Merrily oh! merrily oh!
"Cheerily oh! though the blast may blow,
The fisher boy jollily lives."

Eliza Cook (1818–1889)

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