



Summer longings

Howard Kingsbury
(1842-1878)

Gently

S Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May—

A Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May—

T Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May—

B Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May—

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S Wait - ing for the pleas - ant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles,

A Wait - ing for the pleas - ant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles,

T Wait - ing for the pleas - ant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles,

B Wait - ing for the pleas - ant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles,

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S With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y way.

A With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y way.

T With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y way.

B With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y way.

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S Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May.

A Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May.

T Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May.

B Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May.

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S Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May—

A Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May—

T Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May—

B Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May—

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S Long - ing to es - cape from stud - y, To the young face fair and rud - dy,

A Long - ing to es - cape from stud - y, To the young face fair and rud - dy,

T Long - ing to es - cape from stud - y, To the young face fair and rud - dy,

B Long - ing to es - cape from stud - y, To the young face fair and rud - dy,

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S And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer's day.

A And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer's day.

T And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer's day.

B And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer's day.

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S Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May.

A Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May.

T Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May.

B Ah! my heart is sick with long - ing, Long - ing for the May.

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S Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May—

A Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May—

T Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May—

B Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May—

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S Sigh - ing for their sure re - turn - ing When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing,

A Sigh - ing for their sure re - turn - ing When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing,

T Sigh - ing for their sure re - turn - ing When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing,

B Sigh - ing for their sure re - turn - ing When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing,

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S Hopes and flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - ter lay.

A Hopes and flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - ter lay.

T Hopes and flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - ter lay.

B Hopes and flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - ter lay.

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S Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May.

A Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May.

T Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May.

B Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May.

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S Ah! my heart is pain'd with throbb - ing, Throbb - ing for the May—

A Ah! my heart is pain'd with throbb - ing, Throbb - ing for the May—

T Ah! my heart is pain'd with throbb - ing, Throbb - ing for the May—

B Ah! my heart is pain'd with throbb - ing, Throbb - ing for the May—

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S Throbb - ing for the sea - side bil - lows, Or the wa - ter - woo - ing wil - lows,

A Throbb - ing for the sea - side bil - lows, Or the wa - ter - woo - ing wil - lows,

T Throbb - ing for the sea - side bil - lows, Or the wa - ter - woo - ing wil - lows,

B Throbb - ing for the sea - side bil - lows, Or the wa - ter - woo - ing wil - lows,

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S Where in laugh - ing and in sob - bing Glide the streams a - way.

A Where in laugh - ing and in sob - bing Glide the streams a - way.

T Where in laugh - ing and in sob - bing Glide the streams a - way.

B Where in laugh - ing and in sob - bing Glide the streams a - way.

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S Ah! my heart, my heart is throb - bing, Throb - bing for the May.

A Ah! my heart, my heart is throb - bing, Throb - bing for the May.

T Ah! my heart, my heart is throb - bing, Throb - bing for the May.

B Ah! my heart, my heart is throb - bing, Throb - bing for the May.

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S Wait - ing sad, de - ject - ed, wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

A Wait - ing sad, de - ject - ed, wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

T Wait - ing sad, de - ject - ed, wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

B Wait - ing sad, de - ject - ed, wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

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S Spring goes by with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - light eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings;

A Spring goes by with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - light eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings;

T Spring goes by with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - light eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings;

B Spring goes by with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - light eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings;

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S Sum - mer comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a - way:

A Sum - mer comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a - way:

T Sum - mer comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a - way:

B Sum - mer comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a - way:

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S Man is ev - er wear - y wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

A Man is ev - er wear - y wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

T Man is ev - er wear - y wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

B Man is ev - er wear - y wear - y, Wait - ing for the May.

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.

Ah! my heart is weary waiting,
Waiting for the May—
Waiting for the pleasant rambles,
Where the fragrant hawthorn brambles,
With the woodbine alternating,
Scent the dewy way.
Ah! my heart is weary waiting,
Waiting for the May.

Ah! my heart is sick with longing,
Longing for the May—
Longing to escape from study,
To the young face fair and ruddy,
And the thousand charms belonging
To the summer's day.
Ah! my heart is sick with longing,
Longing for the May.

Ah! my heart is sore with sighing,
Sighing for the May—
Sighing for their sure returning
When the summer beams are burning,
Hopes and flow'rs that, dead or dying,
All the winter lay.
Ah! my heart is sore with sighing,
Sighing for the May.

Ah! my heart is pained with throbbing,
Throbbing for the May—
Throbbing for the seaside billows,
Or the water-wooding willows,
Where in laughing and in sobbing
Glide the streams away.
Ah! my heart, my heart is throbbing,
Throbbing for the May.

Waiting sad, dejected, weary,
Waiting for the May.
Spring goes by with wasted warnings,
Moonlight evenings, sun-bright mornings;
Summer comes, yet dark and dreary
Life still ebbs away:
Man is ever weary weary,
Waiting for the May.

Denis Florence MacCarthy (1817–1882)

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