

# Waiting for the May

Henry Lahee  
(1826-1912)

**Henry Lahee** (1826-1912) was born in Chelsea, London. He studied under John Goss and William Sterndale Bennett. He held organist positions at several churches, including Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, and was well known as a professor, writer, and composer. His works include the *Metrical Psalter* (with William Irons), *Famous Singers of Today and Yesterday*, and *One Hundred Hymn Tunes*. He composed cantatas, songs, instrumental works, a number of hymns, anthems and part-songs. His part-songs were very popular, winning prizes for in various competitions: 'Now the bright morning star' (Bristol 1869); 'Hark, how the birds' (Bristol, 1869); 'Hence, loathed Melancholy' (Manchester, 1878); 'Away to the hunt' (Glasgow, 1879); 'Love in my bosom' (London Madrigal Society, 1880); and 'Ah! woe is me' (London Madrigal Society, 1884). Of his other part-songs, 'The Unfaithful Shepherdess,' 'Love me little, love me long,' and 'Bells,' were especially popular throughout the country.

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

Waiting sad, dejected, weary,  
Waiting for the May:  
Spring goes by with wasted warnings,—  
Moonlit evenings, sunbright 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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S Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing, Wait - ing for the

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

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

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

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S May,- Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,

A May,- Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,

T May,- Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,

B May,- Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,

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S Wait - ing for the May,- Wait - ing for the pleas - ant

A Wait - ing for the May,- Wait - ing for the pleas - ant, pleas - ant

T Wait - ing for the May,- Wait - ing for the pleas - ant

B Wait - ing for the May,- Wait - ing for the pleas - ant

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S ram - bles Where the fra - grant haw - thorn - bram - bles, With the

A ram - bles Where the fra - grant haw - thorn - bram - bles, With the

T ram - bles Where the fra - grant haw - thorn - bram - bles, With the

B ram - bles Where the fra - grant haw - thorn - bram - bles, With the

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

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

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

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

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S way. Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,

A way. Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,

T way. Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,

B way. Ah! my heart is wear - y wait - ing,



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

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

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

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



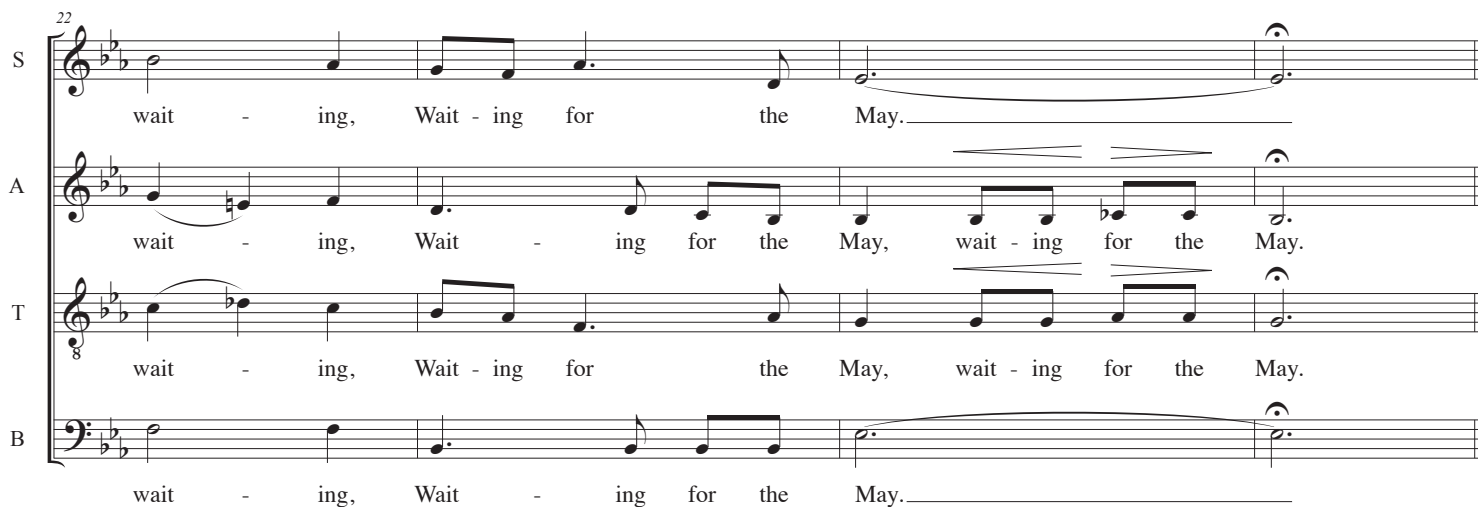
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S wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May.

A wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May, wait - ing for the May.

T wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May, wait - ing for the May.

B wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May.



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

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

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

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

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S May,- Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

A May,- Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

T May,- Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

B May,- Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

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S Sigh - ing for the May,- Sigh - ing for their sure re -

A Sigh - ing for the May,- Sigh - ing for their sure re - turn - ing, re -

T Sigh - ing for the May,- Sigh - ing for their sure re -

B Sigh - ing for the May,- Sigh - ing for their sure re -

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S turn - ing, When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing, Hopes and

A turn - ing, When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing, Hopes and

T turn - ing, When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing, Hopes and

B turn - ing, When the sum - mer beams are burn - ing, Hopes and

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S flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - ter

A flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - ter

T flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - ter

B flow'rs that, dead or dy - ing, All the win - - - ter

41

S lay. Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

A lay. Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

T lay. Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

B lay. Ah! my heart is sore with sigh - ing,

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

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

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

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

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S sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May.

A sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May, sigh - ing for the May.

T sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May, sigh - ing for the May.

B sigh - ing, Sigh - ing for the May.

51

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

57

S Wait - ing for the May: Spring goes by with wast - ed

A Wait - ing for the May: Spring goes by with wast - ed, wast - ed

T Wait - ing for the May: Spring goes by with wast - ed

B Wait - ing for the May: Spring goes by with wast - ed

60

S warn - ings,- Moon - lit eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings,- Sum - mer

A warn - ings,- Moon - lit eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings,- Sum - mer

T warn - ings,- Moon - lit eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings,- Sum - mer

B warn - ings,- Moon - lit eve - nings, sun - bright morn - ings,- Sum - mer

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S comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a -

A comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a -

T comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a -

B comes, yet dark and drear - y Life still ebbs a -

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S way; Man is ev - er wear - y, wear - y,

A way; Man is ev - er wear - y, wear - y,

T way; Man is ev - er wear - y, wear - y,

B way; Man is ev - er wear - y, wear - y,

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

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

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

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

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S  
wear - y, Wait - ing for the May!

A  
wear - y, Wait - ing for the May, wait - ing for the May!

T  
wear - y, Wait - ing for the May, wait - ing for the May!

B  
wear - y, Wait - ing for the May!

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