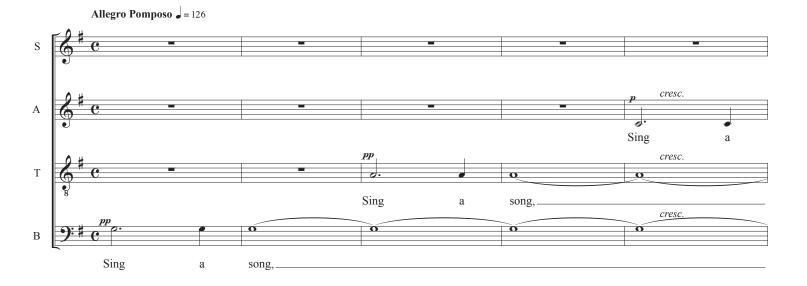
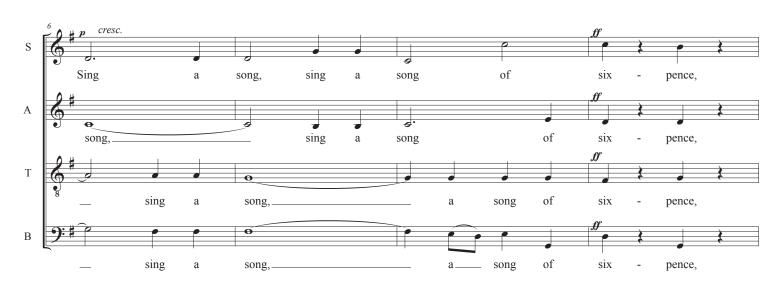


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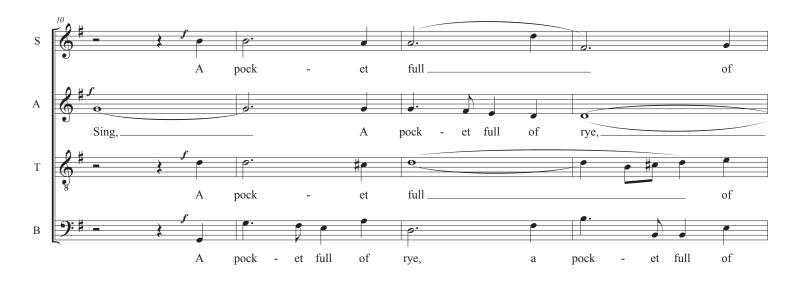
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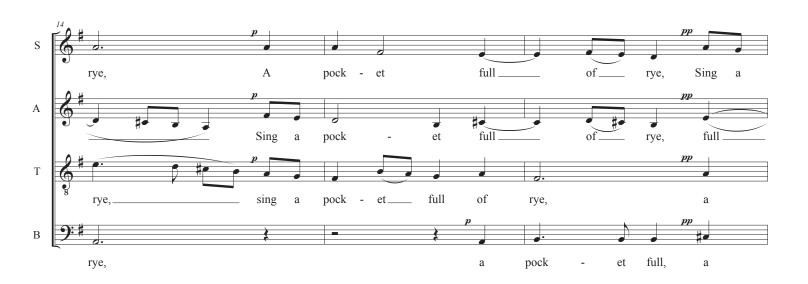


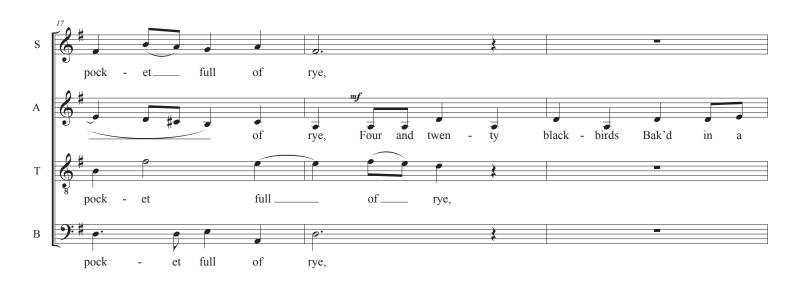


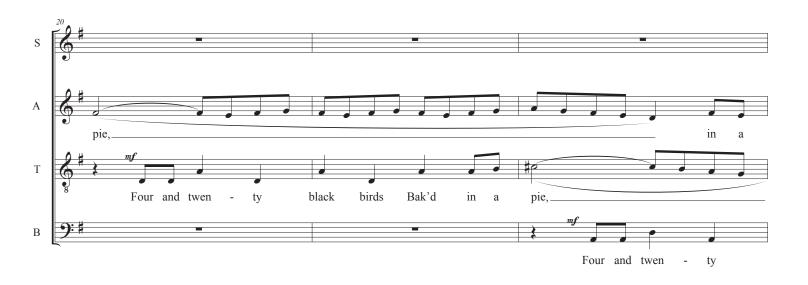


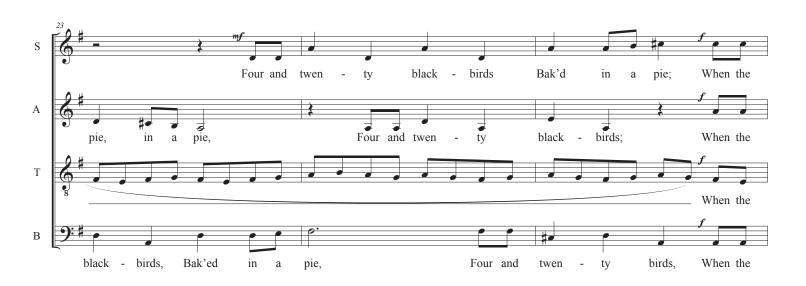
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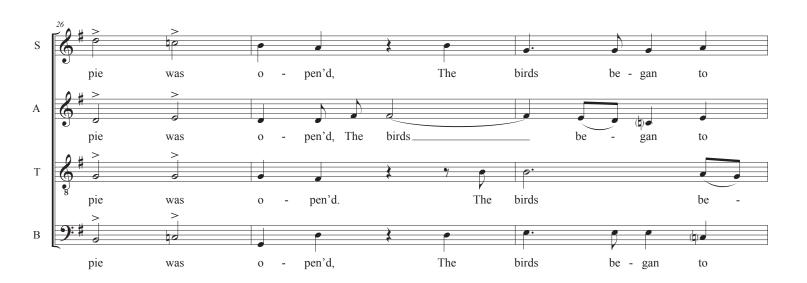






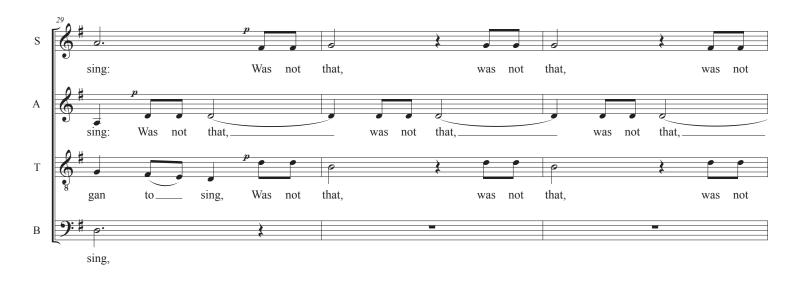


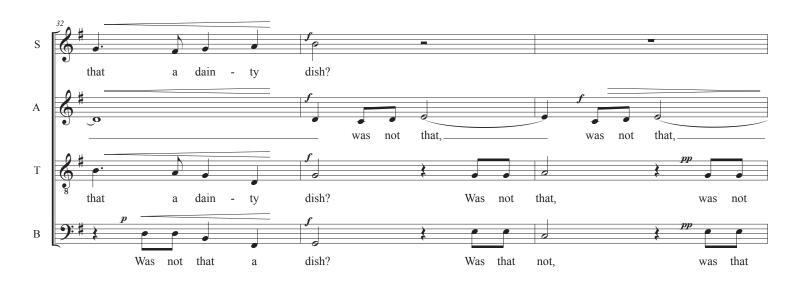


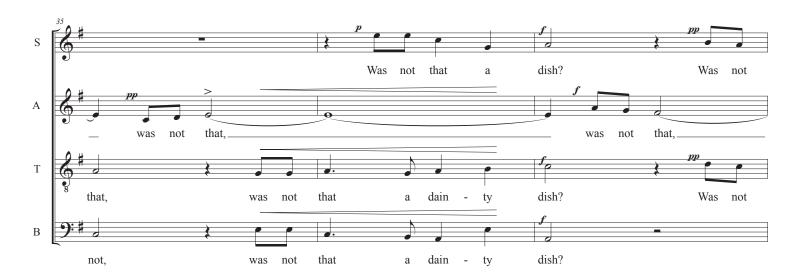


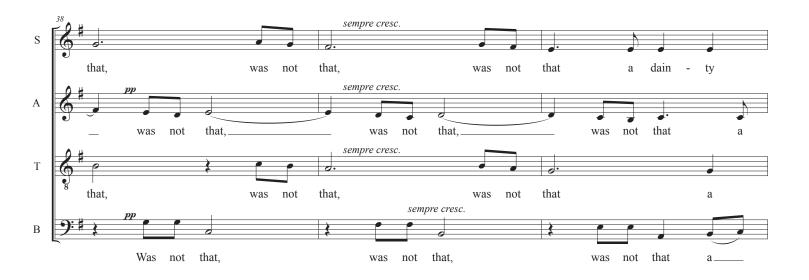
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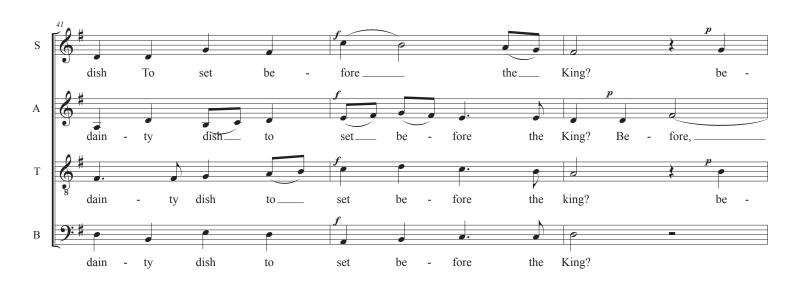
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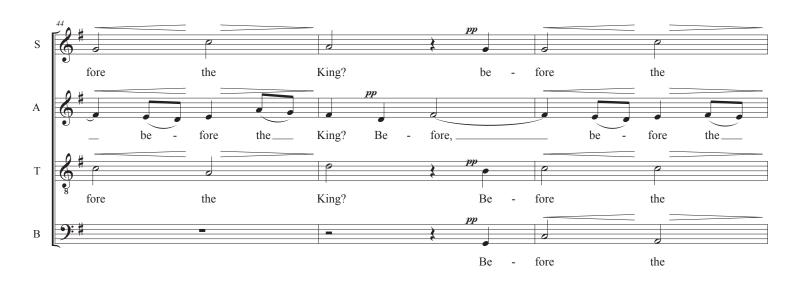


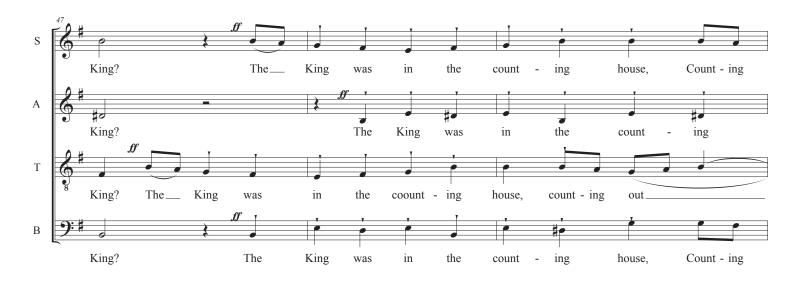


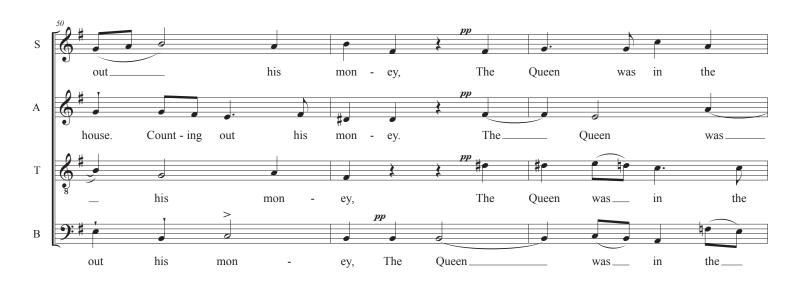


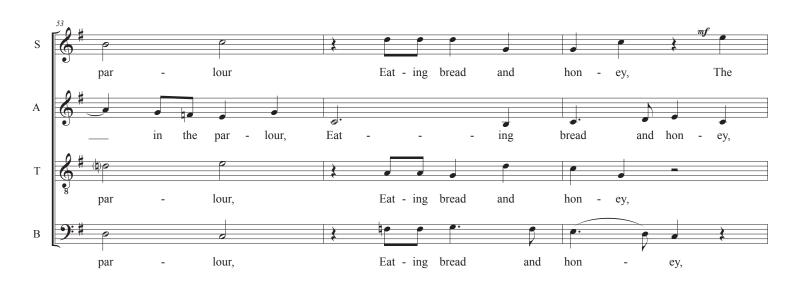


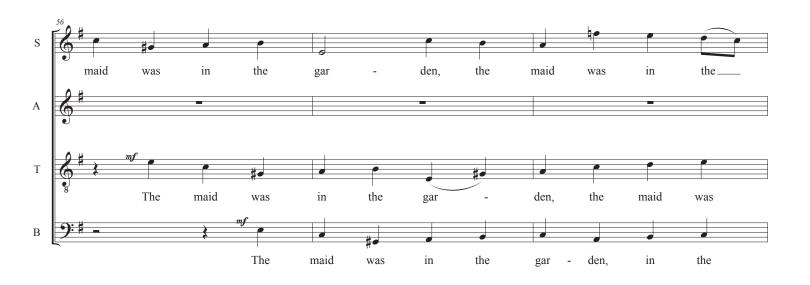


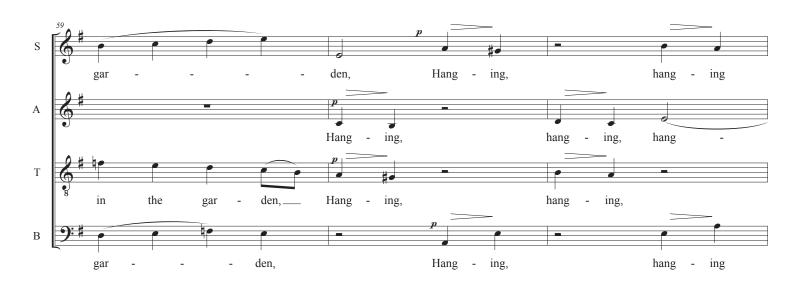


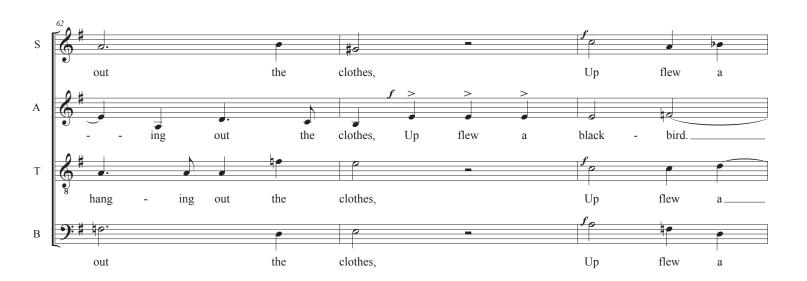


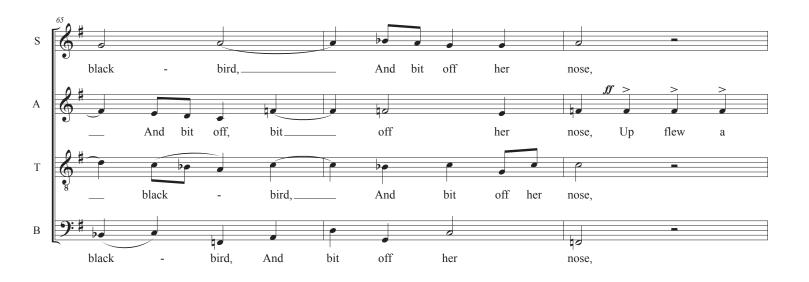


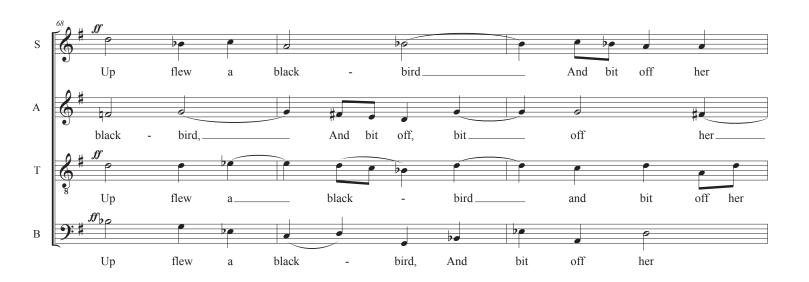


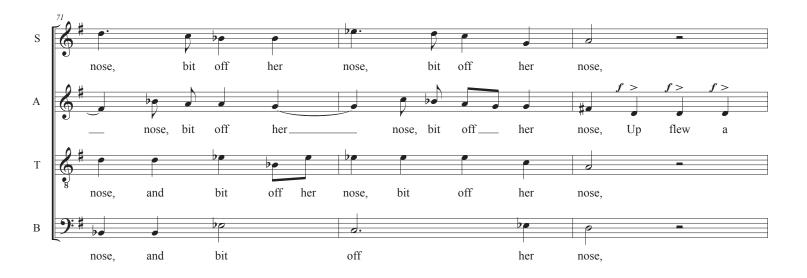


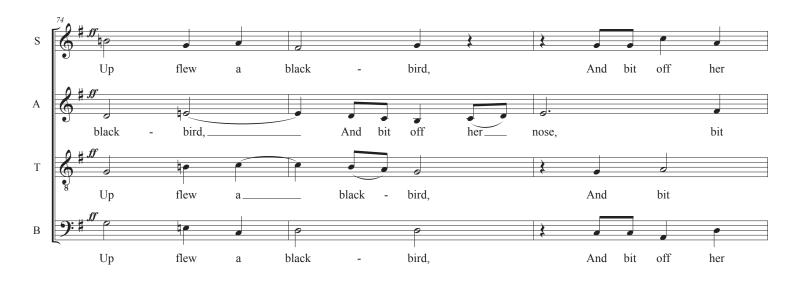


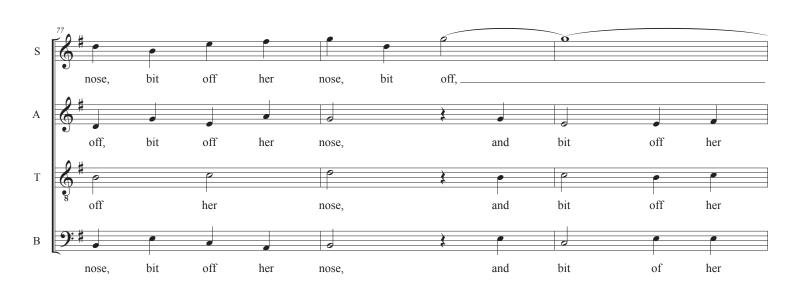


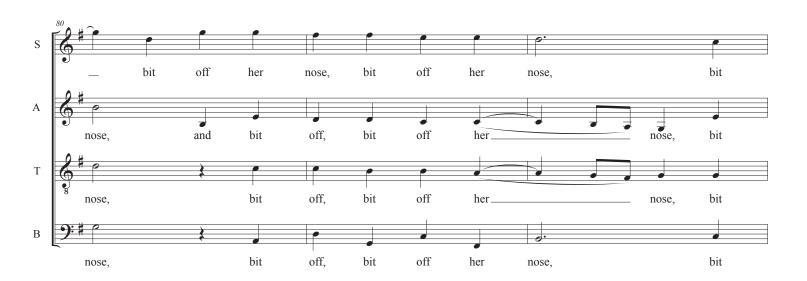


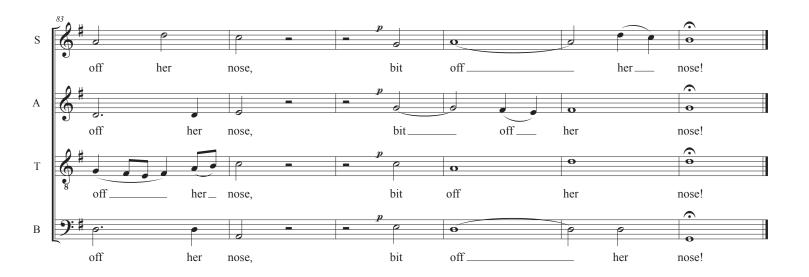












Hutchings & Romer (1881)

Sir George Alexander Macfarren (1813-1887) was born in London. From early youth, he suffered from poor health and weak eyesight. His eyesight continually deteriorated until he became totally blind in 1860. However, his blindness had little effect on his productivity. Macfarren began to study music when he was fourteen and, at sixteen, entered the Royal Academy of Music. Because of his eyesight, he abandoned performance and concentrated on composition. He later taught at the Academy, eventually becoming a principal. He was also appointed professor of music at Cambridge University in 1875. He was conductor at Covent Garden, London; founder the Handel Society; program note writer for the Philharmonic Society; and edited the works of Handel and Purcell. He wrote 18 operas, 13 oratorios and cantatas, 9 symphonies, and 162 songs. He was active as writer of part-songs, literature for the many amateur choirs appearing throughout the country. He was knighted in 1883 on the same day as Arthur Sullivan and George Grove. His brother Walter Macfarren (1826-1905) was a pianist, composer and professor of the Royal Academy.

Sing a song, sing a song of sixpence, A pocket full of rye, Four and twenty blackbirds Baked in a pie; When the pie was opened, The birds began to sing: Was not that a dainty dish To set before the King?

The King was in the counting house,
Counting out his money,
The Queen was in the parlour
Eating bread and honey,
The maid was in the garden,
Hanging out the clothes,
Up flew a blackbird,
And bit off her nose!

Nursery Rhyme

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