



The Music of the Maytime

**William McKendrick
(1848?-1902)**

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Allegretto

S *mf* The May - time, love - ly May - time, Its shad - ows and its show'rs, Its

A *mf* The May - time, love - ly May - time, Its shad - ows and its show'rs, Its

T *mf* The May - time, love-ly May - time, Its shad - ows and its show'rs, Its

B *mf* The May - time, love-ly May - time, Its shad - ows and its show'rs, Its

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S sun - shine and its breez - es, Its leaves and laugh - ing flow'rs;

A sun - shine and its breez - es, Its leaves and laugh - ing flow'rs;

T sun - shine and its breez - es, Its leaves and laugh - ing flow'rs; Its

B sun - shine and its breez - es, Its leaves and laugh - ing flow'rs;



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S Its stream - lets in their free - dom, The thun - der's dis - tant

A Its stream - lets in their free - dom, The thun - der's dis - tant

T stream - lets in their free - dom, The thun - der's dis - tant

B Its stream - lets, The thun - der's dis - tant

cresc.

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S roll, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my

A roll, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my

T roll, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my

B roll, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my

dim. *cresc.*

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S soul, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my soul!

A soul, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my soul!

T soul, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my soul!

B soul, Make mu - sic, won - drous mu - sic To - day with - in my soul!

f *rit.*

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S *mf* Can ye hear it, fel - low sing - ers? I've heard it of - ten - times, And

A *mf* Can ye hear it, fel - low sing - ers? I've heard it of - ten - times, And

T *mf* Can ye hear it, fel-low sing - ers? I've heard it of - ten - times, And

B *mf* Can ye hear it, fel-low sing - ers? I've heard it of - ten - times, And

26 S still my fan - cies dance to The mu - sic of its rhymes;

A still my fan - cies dance to The mu - sic of its rhymes;

T still my fan - cies dance to The mu - sic of its rhymes; Now

B still my fan - cies dance to The mu - sic of its rhymes;

30 S Now surg - ing and now trem - bling, Now soar - ing be - yond con - *cresc.*

A Now surg - ing and now trem - bling, Now soar - ing be - yond con - *cresc.*

T surg - ing and now trem - bling, Now soar - ing be - yond con - *cresc.*

B Now surg - ing, Now soar - ing be - yond con - *cresc.*

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34 *dim.* *cresc.*

S trol— The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my

A trol— The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my

T trol— The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my

B trol— The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my

38 *f* *rit.*

S soul! The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my soul!

A soul! The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my soul!

T soul! The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my soul!

B soul! The mu - sic of the May - time, The mu - sic of my soul!

43 *mf*

S Its gay and hap - py laugh - ter, Its smiles so sweet and bright, Its

A Its gay and hap - py laugh - ter, Its smiles so sweet and bright, Its

T Its gay and hap - py laugh - ter, Its smiles so sweet and bright, Its

B Its gay and hap - py laugh - ter, Its smiles so sweet and bright, Its

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S songs of hope and glad - ness, Its full - ness of de - light,

A songs of hope and glad - ness, Its full - ness of de - light,

T songs of hope and glad - ness, Its full - ness of de - light, Make

B songs of hope and glad - ness, Its full - ness of de - light,

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S Make mu - sic, soar - ing, sweep - ing Be - yond the fur - thest

A Make mu - sic, soar - ing, sweep - ing Be - yond the fur - thest

T mu - sic, soar - ing, sweep - ing Be - yond the fur - thest

B Make mu - sic, Be - yond the fur - thest

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S pole, From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my

A pole, From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my

T pole, From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my

B pole, From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my

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S
soul! From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my soul!

A
soul! From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my soul!

T
soul! From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my soul!

B
soul! From east to west so bound - less, For - ev - er in my soul!

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William McKendrick (1848?-1902) was born in or near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, England. Little is known of his background or training, but he eventually received recognition as Fellow at John Curwen's Tonic Sol-fa College of Music in London. He remained teaching there until his death in Crouch Hill, London. He was a master of the Tonic Sol-fa system and his part-songs were well received. His music, published by Curwen's publishing house, included both traditional and Sol-fa notation.

The Maytime, lovely Maytime,
Its shadows and its showers,
Its sunshine and its breezes,
Its leaves and laughing flowers;
Its streamlets in their freedom,
The thunder's distant roll,
Make music, wondrous music
Today within my soul!

Can ye hear it, fellow singers?
I've heard it oftentimes,
And still my fancies dance to
The music of its rhymes;
Now surging and now trembling,
Now soaring beyond control—
The music of the Maytime,
The music of my soul!

Its gay and happy laughter,
Its smiles so sweet and bright,
Its songs of hope and gladness,
Its fullness of delight,
Make music, soaring, sweeping
Beyond the furthest pole,
From east to west so boundless,
Forever in my soul!

Thomas George Cox

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