The Muleteers

Augustus Meves (1785-1859)

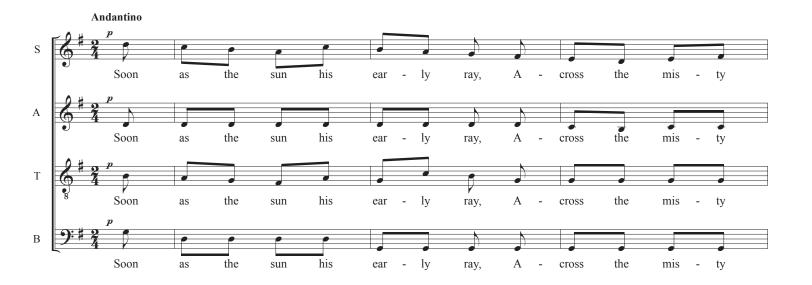
Augustus Antoine Cornelius Meves (1785-1859) was born in London, England, the natural son of a miniature painter. He studied piano with his mother and, in 1805, gave his first major concert in Edinburgh under the name "Mr. Augustus." He made his living by giving piano lessons. In 1818, his father died and bequeathed to his son half his property, allowing Augustus to stop giving lessons and live off investments. He continued to compose for piano. At that time, he also learned that he was born out of wedlock. He developed doubts about his origins and claimed to be the lost dauphin, son of Louis XVI, heir to the throne of France. He died in London while he was returning home by cab.

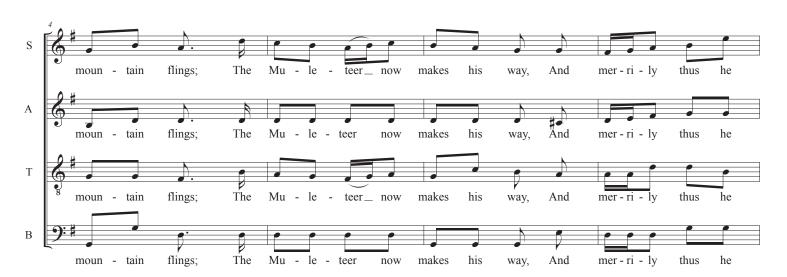
Soon as the sun his early ray,
Across the misty mountain flings;
The Muleteer now makes his way,
And merrily thus he sweetly sings:
"Oh! haste my mules, we must not creep,
Nor saunter on so slow;
Our journey's long, the mountain steep,
We've many a league to go, to go."

At fall of eve, his labor o'er,
He homeward hastes and sings with glee:
"My mules speed to my cottage door,
For there my Lila waits for me."
"Speed on my mules, the sun sets fast,
The shades of night I see;
There's many a league yet to be past,
And Lilla waits for me."

The Muleteer

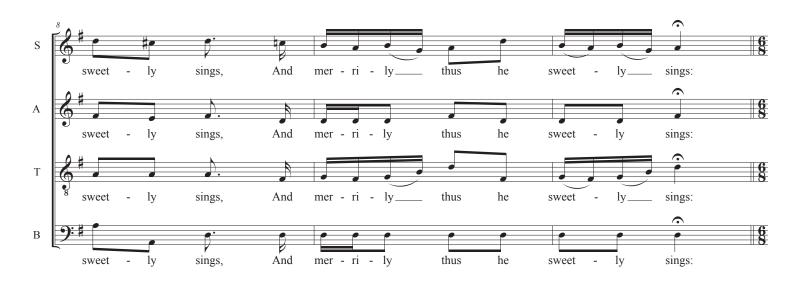
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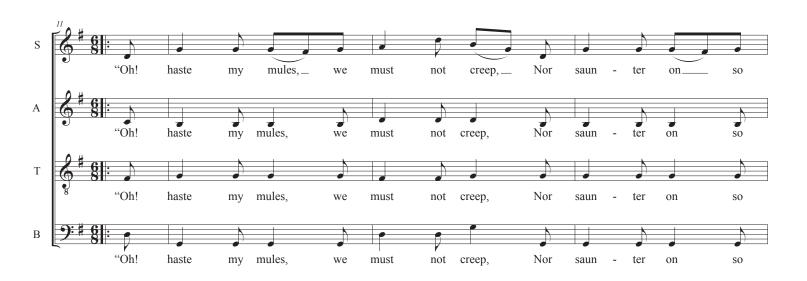


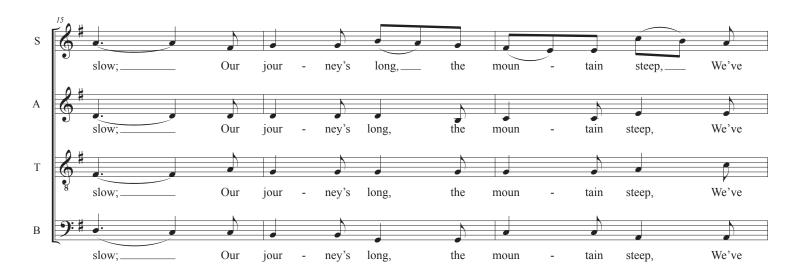




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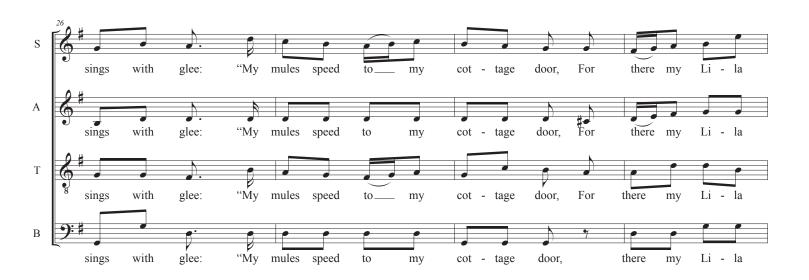


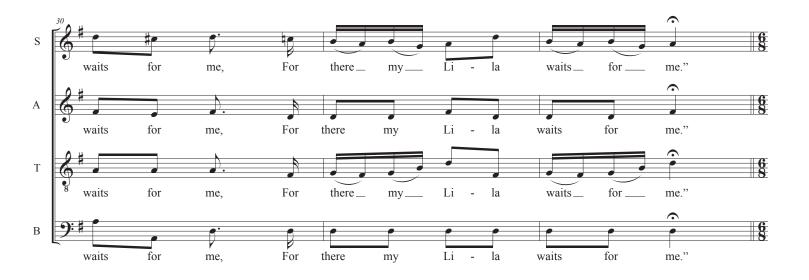


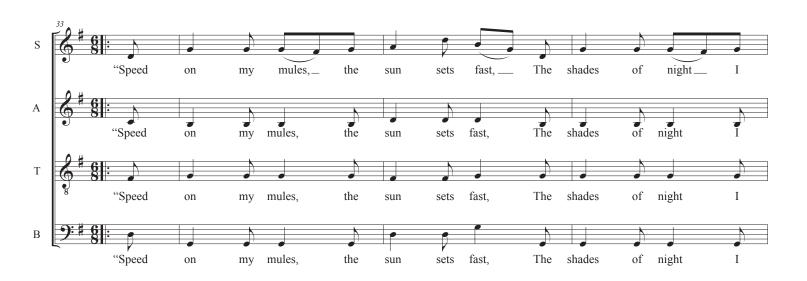


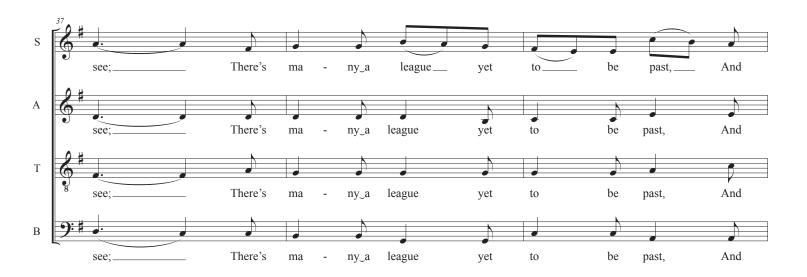


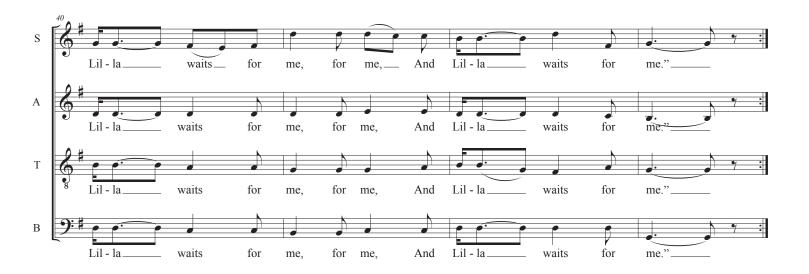












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