



# **The Wind**

**H. Ernest Nichol  
(1862-1926)**

**Henry Ernest Nichol** (1862-1926) was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England. He originally planned to be a civil engineer but abandoned an apprenticeship to study music privately, then graduated from Oxford University. He settled back in Hull as performer and teacher. He was music master at Hull Grammar School, organist at St. Andrew's, conductor of the North Cave Choral Society, and conductor of the Newport Harmonic Society. He was also musical editor for The Sunday School Union and wrote books on choir training and a primer on transposition at sight. He died in Yorkshire, England. His compositions include cantatas, services, anthems, carols, hymns, songs, piano pieces, and part-songs. His best known hymn is "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." He often wrote under the pseudonym Colin Sterne, an anagram of his name.

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H. Ernest Nichol

Andante ♩ = 152

Soprano or tenor solo

Solo

SA

TB

*pp* *cresc.* *dim.*

*pp* *closed lips* *cresc.* *dim.*

*p*

A wind a - woke with the

Solo

SA

TB

6

sun - rise, And breath'd on the dew - y grass; — Then fled far a - way to the

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10

Solo  
blush - ing flow'rs, O - ver the sea in their se - cret bow'rs, Wait - ing to hear — it

SA

TB

14

Solo  
pass, ——— Wait - ing to hear — it pass, ——— to hear it pass.

SA

TB

*rall.* *pp*

*rall.* *pp*

*rall.* *pp*

19

Solo  
It crept thro' mur - mur - ing

SA

TB

*pp* *cresc.* *dim.*

*pp* *closed lips* *cresc.* *dim.*

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Solo  
val - leys, And rush'd o'er the moor - land wild; It swept thro' the woods with a

SA

TB

28

Solo  
sigh of un - rest, And glid - ed o - ver the o - cean's breast, Like the breath of a sleep - ing

SA

TB

32

Solo  
child, The breath of a sleep - ing child, a sleep - ing child.

SA

TB

*rall.* *pp*

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37

Solo

It slept at last in the

SA

*pp* *cresc.* *dim.*

TB

*pp* *closed lips* *cresc.* *dim.*

42

Solo

sun - set, 'Twas wear - y of flow'r and stream; — It had found no place for its

SA

TB

46

Solo

flight to cease, No home for its spir - it to rest — in peace, And it died, as it lived, in a

SA

TB

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50

Solo  
dream, \_\_\_\_\_ It died, as it lived, in a dream, \_\_\_\_\_ a dream, a dream.

SA

TB

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A wind awoke with the sunrise,  
And breathed on the dewy grass;  
Then fled far away to the blushing flowers,  
Over the sea in their secret bowers,  
Waiting to hear it pass.

It crept through murmuring valleys,  
And rushed o'er the moorland wild;  
It swept through the woods with a sigh of unrest,  
And glided over the ocean's breast,  
Like the breath of a sleeping child.

It slept at last in the sunset,  
'Twas weary of flower and stream;  
It had found no place for its flight to cease,  
No home for its spirit to rest in peace,  
And it died, as it lived, in a dream.

“Colin Sterne”

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