

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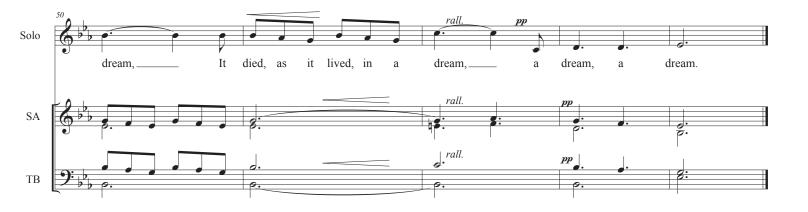
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> A wind awoke with the sunrise, And breathed on the dewy grass; Then fled far away to the blushing flowers, Over the sea in their secret bowers, Waiting to hear it pass.

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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