



Six Modern Lyrics  
set as Part-Songs  
No. 3



If I but had  
two little wings

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry  
(1848-1918)

If I had but two little wings  
And were a little feathery bird,  
To you I'd fly, my dear!  
But thoughts like these are idle things  
And I stay here.

But in my sleep to you I fly:  
I'm always with you in my sleep!  
The world is all one's own.  
But then one wakes, and where am I?  
All, all alone.

Sleep stays not, though a monarch bids:  
So I love to wake ere break of day:  
For though my sleep be gone,  
Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids,  
And still dreams on.

Samuel Taylor-Coleridge (1772-1834)

# If I but had two little wings

C. Hubert H. Parry

Allegretto vivace

S If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a lit - tle feath - er - y bird, To

A If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a lit - tle feath - er - y bird, To

T If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a lit - tle feath - er - y bird, To

B If I had but two lit - tle wings And were a feath - er - y bird, To

5 S you I'd fly, my dear! to you! to you! But

A you I'd fly, my dear! to you! to you! But

T you I'd fly, my dear! to you! to you! But

B you I'd fly, my dear! to you! to you! But

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S thoughts like these are i - dle things \_\_\_\_\_ And I \_\_\_\_\_ stay here. But

A thoughts like these are i - dle things \_\_\_\_\_ And I \_\_\_\_\_ stay here. But

T thoughts like these are i - dle things \_\_\_\_\_ And I \_\_\_\_\_ stay here. But

B thoughts like these are i - dle things \_\_\_\_\_ And I \_\_\_\_\_ stay here. But

*p* *poco rit.* *pp* *a tempo*

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S in my sleep to you I fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

A in my sleep to you I fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

T in my sleep to you I fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

B in my sleep to you I fly: I'm al - ways with you in my sleep! The

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S world \_\_\_\_\_ is all one's own, \_\_\_\_\_ is all one's own. But then one wakes, \_\_\_\_\_

A world \_\_\_\_\_ is all one's own, \_\_\_\_\_ is all one's own. But then one wakes, \_\_\_\_\_

T world is all one's own, \_\_\_\_\_ is all one's own. But then one wakes, \_\_\_\_\_

B world is all one's own, \_\_\_\_\_ is all one's own. But then one wakes, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *f*

# If I but had two little wings

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S — and where am I? All, all a - lone.

A — and where am I? All, all a - lone.

T — and where am I? All, all a - lone.

B — and where am I? All, all a - lone.

28

S Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere

A Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere

T Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere

B Sleep stays not, though a mon - arch bids: So I love to wake ere

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S break of day: For though my sleep be gone, my sleep be

A break of day: For though my sleep be gone, my sleep be

T break of day: For though my sleep be gone, my sleep be

B break of day: For though my sleep be gone, be gone, my sleep

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36 *p*

S gone, Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And still

A gone, Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And still

T gone, Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And still

B be gone, Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And

40 *pp*

S — dreams on, and still dreams on, Yet

A — dreams on, and still dreams on, Yet

T — dreams on, and still dreams on, Yet

B still dreams on, and still dreams on, Yet

44 *poco rit.*

S while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And dreams

A while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And dreams, *poco rit.*

T while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And dreams

B while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And

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48 *a tempo*

S on, Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And still dreams on, and

A *a tempo*  
Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And still dreams on, and

T *a tempo*  
on, Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And still dreams on, and

B *a tempo*  
dreams, Yet while 'tis dark, one shuts one's lids, And still dreams on, and

53 *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp*

S still dreams, and dreams, and still dreams on.

A *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp*  
dreams, and dreams, and still dreams on.

T *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp*  
still dreams on, and still dreams on, and still dreams on.

B *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp*  
still dreams on, and still dreams on.

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