



In praise of song

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Should there be some hapless wights
Pleasure-worn to weariness,
And destitute of life's delights,
Let them sing a song or twain,
'Twill hearten them to cheeriness
And make them feel alive again.

Should men's lives be shorn of mirth,
Wreck'd by Fate's unkindliness,
And their days of little worth,
Let them seek in Music peace,
To wean them from their hopelessness,
And so from sorrow find release.

When our days are full of joy,
Brimming o'er with gladness and good,
And forgot is all annoy,
Singing still will tell the tale,
singing still will fit the mood,
With delight that cannot fail.

Though rivals in song,
In song we unite:
Were our deeds e'er so wrong,
Our song must be right.
It uplifts us, unbinds us,
Wherever it finds us,
And helps us all day,
To rejoice on our way,
and be strong.

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Allegro $\text{♩} = 92$

S
Should there be some hap - less wights Plea - sure - worn to wea - ri - ness, And *p*

A
Should there be some hap - less wights Plea - sure - worn to wea - ri - ness, And *p*

T
Should there be some hap - less wights Plea - sure - worn to wea - ri - ness, And *p*

B
Should there be some hap - less wights Plea - sure - worn to wea - ri - ness, And *p*

animato

S
des - ti - tute of life's de - lights, Let them sing a song or twain, *f*

A
des - ti - tute of life's de - lights, Let them sing a song or twain, *f*

T
des - ti - tute of life's de - lights, Let them sing a song or twain, *f*

B
des - ti - tute of life's de - lights, Let them sing a song or twain, *f*

S
'Twill heart - en them to cheer - i - ness And make them feel, *mf* *cresc.*

A
'Twill heart - en them to cheer - i - ness And make them *mf* *cresc.*

T
'Twill heart - en them to cheer - i - ness And make them *mf* *cresc.*

B
'Twill heart - en them to cheer - i - ness And make them *mf* *cresc.*

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poco rit. *a tempo*

S make them feel, and make them feel a - live a - gain.

A feel, and make them feel a - live a - gain.

T feel, and make them feel a - live a - gain.

B feel, and make them feel a - live, a - live a - gain.

poco meno mosso ♩ = 86

18

p

S Should men's lives be shorn of mirth, Wreck'd by Fate's un - kind - li-ness, And their

A Should men's lives be shorn of mirth, Wreck'd by Fate's un - kind - li-ness, And their

T Should men's lives be shorn of mirth, Wreck'd by Fate's un - kind - li-ness, And their

B Should men's lives be shorn of mirth, Wreck'd by Fate's un - kind - li-ness,

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p

S days, their days of lit - tle worth, Let them seek in Mu - sic peace, To

A days of lit - tle worth, Let them seek in Mu - sic peace, To

T days of lit - tle worth, Let them seek in Mu - sic

B And their days of lit - tle worth, Let them seek in Mu - sic

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S wean them from their hope - less - ness, And so from sor - row find re -

A wean them from their hope - less - ness, And so from sor - row find re -

T peace, To wean them from their hope - less - ness, And so from sor - row find re -

B peace, To wean them from their hope - less - ness, And so from sor - row find re -

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

33

S lease, and so from sor - row find re - lease.

A lease, and so from sor - row find re - lease.

T lease, and so from sor - row find re - lease.

B lease, and so from sor - row find re - lease.

poco meno mosso

p

pp

p

pp

p

pp

p

pp

39

Allegro vivace ♩ = 92

S When our days are full of joy, Brim - ming o'er with glad - ness and good,

A When our days are full of joy, Brim - ming o'er with glad - ness and good,

T When our days are full of joy, Brim - ming o'er with glad - ness and good,

B When our days are full of joy, Brim - ming o'er with glad - ness and good,

mf

cresc.

mf

cresc.

mf

cresc.

mf

cresc.

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43 *mf*

S And for - got is all an - noy, Sing - ing still will tell the tale,

A And for - got is all an - noy, Sing - ing still will tell the tale,

T And for - got is all an - noy, Sing - ing still will tell the tale,

B And for - got is all an - noy, Sing - ing still will tell the tale,

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S sing - ing still will fit the mood, With de - light

A sing - ing still will fit the mood, With de - light

T sing - ing still will fit the mood, With de - light

B sing - ing still will fit the mood, With de - light

50 *poco rit.*

S that can - not fail, that can - not fail.

A that can - not fail, that can - not fail.

T that can - not fail, that can - not fail.

B that can - not fail, that can - not fail.

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Vivace ♩ = 180

1st Chorus

S *mf* 56 *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our deeds e'er so

A *mf* *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our deeds e'er so

T *mf* *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our deeds e'er so

B *mf* *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our deeds e'er so

2nd Chorus

S *mf* *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our

A *mf* *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our

T *mf* *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our

B *mf* *cresc.*
Though ri - vals in song, In song we u - nite: Were our

S *mf*
wrong, Our song must be right. It up -

A *mf*
wrong, Our song must be right. It up -

T *mf*
wrong, Our song must be right. It up -

B *mf*
wrong, Our song must be right. It up -

S *mf*
deeds e'er so wrong, Our song must be right. It up -

A *mf*
deeds e'er so wrong, Our song must be right. It up -

T *mf*
deeds e'er so wrong, Our song must be, must be right. It up -

B *mf*
deeds e'er so wrong, Our song must be right. It up -

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S lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And helps us all

A lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And helps us all

T lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And helps us all

B lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And helps us all

66

S lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And helps us all

A lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And

T lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And helps us,

B lifts us, un - binds us, Wher - ev - er it finds us, And helps us all

cresc.

71

S day To re - jice on our way, to re - jice, to re -

A day To re - jice on our way, to re - jice, to re -

T day To re - jice on our way, to re - jice, to re -

B day To re - jice on our way, to re - jice, to re - jice on our

71

S day To re - jice on our way, to re - jice, to re -

A helps us, helps us, helps us, helps us To re -

T and helps us, To re - jice on our way, to re -

B day To re - jice on our way, to re - jice, to re -

cresc.

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S joice, to re - joice, to re - joice
A joice, to re - joice on our way,
T joice, to re - joice, to re -
B way, to re - joice, to re - joice on our way,

76
S joice, to re - joice, to re - joice on our way,
A joice, to re - joice, to re - joice on our way,
T joice on our way, to re - joice, to re - joice, to re -
B joice, to re - joice on our way,

81
S — on our way, to re - joice, and be
A on our way, to re - joice, and be
T joice, to re - joice, re - joice,
B — to re - joice, to re - joice on our way, and be

81
S — to re - joice, to re - joice, and be
A — to re - joice, to re - joice, to re -
T joice, to re - joice, to re - joice, and be
B — to re - joice, to re - joice on our way, and be

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S strong, to re - jice on our way, to re -

A strong, to re - jice, to re - jice

T and be strong, to re - jice, to re - jice on our way,

B strong, re - jice and be strong, re - jice,

86

S strong, to re - jice on our way, to re -

A 86 jice on our way, to re - jice, to re - jice on our

T 86 strong, to re - jice, to re - jice,

B 86 strong, re - jice, and be strong, re - jice,

91

S jice on our way, and be strong, to re -

A on our way, and be strong, and be strong, to re -

T and be strong, and be strong, to re -

B re - - jice, and be strong, to re -

91

S jice on our way, and be strong, to re -

A 91 way, and be strong, and be strong, to re -

T 91 to re - jice, and be strong, to re -

B 91 re - - jice, and be strong, to re -

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S joice on our way, and be strong.
A joice on our way, and be strong.
T joice on our way, and be strong.
B joice on our way, and be strong.

96
S joice on our way, and be strong.
A joice on our way, and be strong.
T joice on our way, and be strong.
B joice on our way, and be strong.

96
S joice on our way, and be strong.
A joice on our way, and be strong.
T joice on our way, and be strong.
B joice on our way, and be strong.

96
S joice on our way, and be strong.
A joice on our way, and be strong.
T joice on our way, and be strong.
B joice on our way, and be strong.

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