



Welcome,
sweet Spring!

W. W. Pearson
(1839-1913)

William Webster Pearson (1839-1913) was born at Bishop Auckland, Durham, England. He was a chorister of York Minster, but was mainly a self-taught musician. He served as organist and choirmaster of Elmhurst Parish Church, Norfolk; was violinist with a quintet at East Dereham; taught violin at Norfolk County School, Dereham; served as master of music and art at Watts' Naval College, North Elmham; was conductor of numerous bands; and a teacher of violin, organ, and piano. He invented a system of sight-singing called "Substitution of Pitch" or "Staff Tonic Sol-Fa" and developed a staff modulator to aid the learning of sight-singing. His compositions include anthems, organ works, piano pieces, songs, dance music, a cantata for female voices, and part songs. A number of his part songs were very popular. He was also a skilled amateur artist, painting in oil and watercolor. He died at South Walsham, Norfolk.

Welcome, all hail to thee! Welcome, Young Spring!
Thy sunray is bright on the butterfly's wing;
Beauty shines forth in the blossom-robed trees,
And perfume floats by on the soft southern breeze.

Music, sweet music, steals over the earth;
One glad choral song greets the primrose's birth;
The lark soars above with its shrill matin strain:
The shepherd-boy tunes his reed-pipe on the plain.

Welcome, all hail to thee! heart-stirring May!
Thou hast won from my wild harp a rapturous lay;
And the last dying murmur that sleeps on the string
Is "Welcome, all hail to thee, welcome, Young Spring!"

Music, sweet music, cheers, meadow and lea,
In the song of the blackbird, the hum of the bee;
The loud happy laughter of children at play,
Proclaims how they worship Spring's beautiful day.

Eliza Cook (1818-1889)

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Allegretto

mf

S Wel - come, all hail to thee! Wel - come, Young Spring! Thy sun - ray is bright on the

A Wel - come, all hail to thee! Wel - come, Young Spring! Thy sun - ray is bright on the

T Wel - come, all hail to thee! Wel - come, Young Spring! Thy sun - ray is bright on the

B Wel - come, all hail to thee! Wel - come, Young Spring! Thy sun - ray is bright on the

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S but - ter - fly's wing; Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som-rob'd trees, And

A but - ter - fly's wing; Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som-rob'd trees, And

T but - ter - fly's wing; Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som-rob'd trees, And

B but - ter - fly's wing; Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som-rob'd trees, And

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S per - fume floats by on the soft south - ern breeze. Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, steals

A per - fume floats by on the soft south - ern breeze. Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, steals

T per - fume floats by on the soft south - ern breeze. Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, steals

B per - fume floats by on the soft south - ern breeze. Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, steals

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S o - ver the earth; One glad cho - ral song greets the prim - ro - se's birth; The

A o - ver the earth; One glad cho - ral song greets the prim - ro - se's birth; The

T o - ver the earth; One glad cho - ral song greets the prim - ro - se's birth; The

B o - ver the earth; One glad cho - ral song greets the prim - ro - se's birth; The

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S lark soars a - bove with its shrill mat - in strain: — The shep - herd-boy tunes his reed -

A lark soars a - bove with its shrill mat - in strain: The shep - herd-boy tunes his reed -

T lark soars a - bove with its shrill mat - in strain: — The shep - herd-boy tunes his reed -

B lark soars a - bove with its shrill mat - in strain: The shep - herd-boy tunes his reed -

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S pipe on the plain. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, all hail to thee!

A pipe on the plain. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

T pipe on the plain. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

B pipe on the plain. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

rit. *a tempo* *mf*

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S wel - come, Young Spring! Thy sun - ray is bright on the but - ter - fly's wing!

A wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring!

T wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring!

B wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring!

22

S Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som - rob'd trees, And per - fume floats by on the

A Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som - rob'd trees, Wel - come, wel - come,

T Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

B Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

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S soft south - ern breeze. Wel - come, Young Spring! *p*

A wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, Young Spring! *p*

T wel - come, Young Spring!

B wel - come, Young Spring!

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S

A Young Spring! Young Spring!

T Wel - come, Young Spring! Young Spring! Young Spring! *mf* O

B Wel - come, O wel - come, Young *mf*

31

S Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring! *f*

A Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring! *f*

T wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring! *f*

B Spring! Young Spring! Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring! *f*

Welcome, sweet Spring!

34 *mf*

S Wel-come, all hail to thee! heart - stir - ring May! Thou hast won from my wild harp a

A Wel-come, all hail to thee! heart - stir - ring May! Thou hast won from my wild harp a

T Wel-come, all hail to thee! heart - stir - ring May! Thou hast won from my wild harp a

B Wel-come, all hail to thee! heart - stir - ring May! Thou hast won from my wild harp a

37

S rap - tur - ous lay; And the last dy - ing mur - mur that sleeps on the string — Is

A rap - tur - ous lay; And the last dy - ing mur - mur that sleeps on the string Is

T rap - tur - ous lay; And the last dy - ing mur - mur that sleeps on the string Is

B rap - tur - ous lay; And the last dy - ing mur - mur that sleeps on the string Is

40

S “Wel - come, all hail to thee, wel - come, Young Spring!” *p* Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, cheers,

A “Wel - come, all hail to thee, wel - come, Young Spring!” *p* Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, cheers,

T “Wel - come, all hail to thee, wel - come, Young Spring!” *p* Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, cheers,

B “Wel - come, all hail to thee, wel - come, Young Spring!” *p* Mu - sic, sweet mu - sic, cheers,

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S mead - ow and lea, In the song of the black - bird, the hum of the bee; The

A mead - ow and lea, In the song of the black - bird, the hum of the bee; The

T mead - ow and lea, In the song of the black - bird, the hum of the bee; The

B mead - ow and lea, In the song of the black - bird, the hum of the bee; The

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S loud hap-py laugh - ter of chil - dren at play, — Pro - claims how they wor - ship Spring's

A loud hap-py laugh - ter of chil - dren at play, Pro - claims how they wor - ship Spring's

T loud hap-py laugh - ter of chil - dren at play, — Pro - claims how they wor - ship Spring's

B loud hap-py laugh - ter of chil - dren at play, Pro - claims how they wor - ship Spring's

49

S beau - ti - ful day. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, all hail to thee!

A beau - ti - ful day. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

T beau - ti - ful day. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

B beau - ti - ful day. Wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

rit. *a tempo* *mf*

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S wel - come, Young Spring! Thy sun - ray is bright on the but - ter - fly's wing!

A wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring!

T wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring!

B wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring!

55

S Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som - rob'd trees, And per - fume floats by on the

A Beau - ty shines forth in the blos - som - rob'd trees, Wel - come, wel - come,

T Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

B Wel - come, wel - come, wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, wel - come,

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S soft south - ern breeze. *p* Wel - come, Young Spring! _____

A wel - come, Young Spring! _____ *p* Wel - come, Young Spring! _____

T wel - come, Young Spring! _____

B wel - come, Young Spring! _____

Welcome, sweet Spring!

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S
A
T
B

Wel - come, Young Spring! Young Spring! Young Spring!

Young Spring! Young Spring!

Wel - come, O wel - come, Young

p *mf* *mf*

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S
A
T
B

Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring!

Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring!

wel - come, Young Spring! Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring!

Spring! Young Spring! Wel - come, O wel - come, O wel - come, Young Spring!

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