



Queen of  
fresh flowers  
(May-Day Carol)

G. Mansell Ramsey  
(1849 - 1923)

# Queen of fresh flowers

B. Mansell Ramsey

Joyously

S *f* Queen of fresh — flow - ers, Whom ver - nal stars — o - bey, —

A *f* Queen of fresh flow - ers, Whom ver - nal stars o - bey,

T *f* Queen of fresh flow - ers, Whom ver - nal stars o - bey,

B *f* Queen of fresh flow - ers, Whom ver - nal stars o - bey,

5 S *pp* Bring thy warm — show - ers, Bring thy ge - nial ray, thy ge - nial ray. In

A *pp* Bring thy warm show - ers, Bring thy ge - nial ray, thy ge - nial ray. In

T *pp* Bring thy warm show - ers, Bring thy ge - nial ray, thy ge - nial ray. In

B *pp* Bring thy warm show - ers, Bring thy ge - nial ray, thy ge - nial ray. In

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S na - ture's green - est liv - 'ry drest, De - scend on earth's ex - pec - tant breast, To

A na - ture's green - est liv - 'ry drest, De - scend on earth's ex - pec - tant breast, To

T na - ture's green - est liv - 'ry drest, De - scend on earth's ex - pec - tant breast, To

B na - ture's green - est liv - 'ry drest, De - scend on earth's ex - pec - tant breast, To

*cresc.* *f*

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S earth and Heav'n a wel - come guest, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May!

A earth and Heav'n a wel - come guest, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May!

T earth and Heav'n a wel - come guest, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May!

B earth and Heav'n a wel - come guest, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May! Thou mer - ry,

*p* *cresc.*

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S Thou mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry May!

A Thou mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry May!

T Thou mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry May!

B mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry May!

*cresc.* *rall.*

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Tempo 1

21 *f*

S Mark how we meet thee At dawn of dew - y day!

A Mark how we meet thee At dawn of dew - y day!

T Mark how we meet thee At dawn of dew - y day!

B Mark how we meet thee At dawn of dew - y day!

25 *pp*

S Hark! how we greet thee With our roun - de - lay, our roun - de - lay! While

A Hark! how we greet thee With our roun - de - lay, our roun - de - lay! While

T Hark! how we greet thee With our roun - de - lay, our roun - de - lay! While

B Hark! how we greet thee With our roun - de - lay, our roun - de - lay! While

29 *cresc.* *f*

S all the good - ly things that be In earth, and air, and am - ple sea, Are

A all the good - ly things that be In earth, and air, and am - ple sea, Are

T all the good - ly things that be In earth, and air, and am - ple sea, Are

B all the good - ly things that be In earth, and air, and am - ple sea, Are

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S wak - ing up to wel - come thee, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May!

A wak - ing up to wel - come thee, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May!

T wak - ing up to wel - come thee, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May!

B wak - ing up to wel - come thee, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May! Thou mer - ry, *cresc.*

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S *cresc.* Thou mer - ry May! *rall.* Thou mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry May!

A *cresc.* Thou mer - ry May! *rall.* Thou mer - ry May!

T *cresc.* Thou mer - ry May! *rall.* Thou mer - ry May!

B *cresc.* mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry May! *rall.* Thou mer - ry May!

## Tempo 1

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S *f* Flocks on the moun - tains, And birds up - on their spray,

A *f* Flocks on the moun - tains, And birds up - on their spray,

T *f* Flocks on the moun - tains, And birds up - on their spray,

B *f* Flocks on the moun - tains, And birds up - on their spray,

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S Tree, ——— turf, and foun - tains, All hold hol - i - day, hold hol - i - day; And *pp*

A Tree, ——— turf, and foun - tains, All hold hol - i - day, hold hol - i - day; And *pp*

T Tree, turf, and foun - tains, All hold hol - i - day, hold hol - i - day; And *pp*

B Tree, ——— turf, and foun - tains, All hold hol - i - day, hold hol - i - day; And *pp*

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S love, the life of liv - ing things, Love waves his torch, love claps his wings, And *cresc.* *f*

A love, the life of liv - ing things, Love waves his torch, love claps his wings, And *cresc.* *f*

T love, the life of liv - ing things, Love waves his torch, love claps his wings, And *cresc.* *f*

B love, the life of liv - ing things, Love waves his torch, love claps his wings, And *cresc.* *f*

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S loud and wide thy prais - es sings, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May!

A loud and wide thy prais - es sings, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May! *p*

T loud and wide thy prais - es sings, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May! *p*

B loud and wide thy prais - es sings, Thou mer - ry, mer - ry month of May! *p* *cresc.*

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S  
Thou mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry May!

A  
Thou mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry May!

T  
Thou mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry May!

B  
mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry May! Thou mer - ry May!

*cresc.* *rall.* *cresc.* *rall.* *cresc.* *rall.* *cresc.* *rall.*

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**Benjamin Mansell Ramsey** (1849-1923) was born in Richmond, Surrey, England. He became an organist and was a music teacher at Bournemouth Grammar School. He was secretary and orchestra conductor of the Bournemouth Musical Association and helped establish the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. He also conducted a choral society in Chichester. He died in West Wittering, England. His compositions include church music, children's music, piano pieces, part-songs, and hymns. His best known tune is "Camacha" most commonly set with the text "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord."

Queen of fresh flowers,  
Whom vernal stars obey,  
Bring thy warm showers,  
Bring thy genial ray.  
In nature's greenest livery drest,  
Descend on earth's expectant breast,  
To earth and Heaven a welcome guest,  
Thou merry month of May!

Mark how we meet thee  
At dawn of dewy day!  
Hark! how we greet thee  
With our roundelay!  
While all the goodly things that be  
In earth, and air, and ample sea,  
Are waking up to welcome thee,  
Thou merry month of May!

Flocks on the mountains,  
And birds upon their spray,  
Tree, turf, and fountains,  
All hold holiday;  
And love, the life of living things,  
Love waves his torch, love claps his wings,  
And loud and wide thy praises sings,  
Thou merry month of May!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

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