



# **Open Your Eyes**

**Fred. W. Root  
(1846-1916)**

**Frederic Woodman Root** (1846-1916) was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of the famous teacher and composer Geo. F. Root. He studied music with his father, and with B. C. Blodgett, William Mason, James Flint, Robert Goldbeck, Luigi Vannuccini, and Carlo Bassini. At age 24, he took a study tour of Europe. He became a well-respected teacher of vocal music, conductor, writer, lecturer, organist and composer. He held musical institutes and taught at normals throughout the Northern states with many contemporaries including Thomas Martin Towne and Philip Paul Bliss. After the great Chicago fire destroyed the publishing firm Root & Cady, he became a partner in the new firm "The Root & Sons Music Company." He died in Chicago, Illinois. He composed a cantata, six entertainments, songs, and music for use in singing and piano lessons. He wrote articles and essays, was editor of the periodical "Song Messenger", and wrote instruction books.

# Open Your Eyes

F. W. Root

*Allegretto*

S  
You — need not search for the sun - shine bright, You — need not grope in the

A  
You need not search for the sun - shine bright, You need not grope in the

T  
You — need not search for the sun - shine bright, You need not grope in the

B  
You need not search for the sun - shine bright, You — need not grope in the

5  
S  
dark - some night, You — need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll

A  
dark - some night, You need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll

T  
dark - some night, You need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll

B  
dark - some night, You — need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll

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S o - pen your eyes and see it; You need not wan - der with -

A o - pen your eyes and see it; You need not wan - der with -

T o - pen your eyes and see it; You need not wan - der with -

B o - pen your eyes and see it; You need not wan - der with -

11

S out the light, Just o - pen your eyes and see it; You —

A out the light, Just o - pen your eyes and see it; You —

T out the light, Just o - pen your eyes and see it; You

B out the light, Just o - pen your eyes and see it; You

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S need not pine for mu - sic sweet, And a dole - ful strain of your

A need not pine for mu - sic sweet, And a dole - ful strain of your

T need not pine for mu - sic sweet, And a dole - ful strain of your

B need not pine for mu - sic —

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17

S own re - peat; You need not pine for mu - sic sweet, And a

A own re - peat; You need not pine for mu - sic sweet, And a

T own re - peat; You need not pine for mu - sic sweet, And a

B sweet, And a dole - ful strain of your

20

S dole - ful strain of your own re - peat; You may know the

A dole - ful strain of your own re - peat; You may know the

T dole - ful strain of your own re - peat; You may know the

B own re - - - peat;

23

S sound of her beau - ti - ful feet, You may

A sound of her beau - ti - ful feet, You may

T sound of her beau - ti - ful feet, You may

B

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S know the sound of her beau - ti - ful

A know the sound of her beau - ti - ful

T know the sound of her beau - ti - ful

B

29

S *pp* feet, You may know the sound of her beau - ti - ful feet, Just *cresc.*

A *pp* feet, You may know the sound of her beau - ti - ful feet, Just *cresc.*

T *pp* feet, You may know the sound of her beau - ti - ful feet, Just *cresc.*

B *pp* You may know the sound of her *cresc.*

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S o - pen your ears and hear it; *f* You may know the sound of her

A o - pen your ears and hear it; *f* You may know the sound of her

T o - pen your ears and hear it; *f* You may know the sound of her

B beau - ti - ful feet, — If you'll ope' your

# Open Your Eyes

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S beau - ti - ful feet, Just o - pen your ears and hear it.

A beau - ti - ful feet, Just o - pen your ears and hear it.

T beau - ti - ful feet, Just o - pen your ears and hear it.

B ears; Just o - pen your ears and hear it.

## Meno mosso

S You need not sigh for the van - ished

A You need not sigh for the van - ished

T You need not sigh for the van - ished

B You need not sigh for the van - ished

41

S May, Or the cher - ished hopes that have

A May, Or the cher - ished hopes that have

T May, Or the cher - ished hopes that have

B May, Or the cher - ished hopes that have

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S  
flown a - way; For \_\_\_\_\_ yours is the

A  
flown a - way; For yours is the

T  
flown a - way; For yours is the

B  
flown a - way; For \_\_\_\_\_ yours is the

47

S  
joy of a bet - ter day, If you'll

A  
joy of a bet - ter day, If you'll

T  
joy of a bet - ter day, If you'll

B  
joy of a bet - ter day, If you'll

50

S  
o - pen your heart and \_\_\_\_\_ love

A  
o - pen your heart and love

T  
o - pen your heart and love

B  
o - pen your heart and love



# Open Your Eyes

9

53

S it, If you'll

A it, If you'll o - pen your heart, If you'll

T it, If you'll o - pen your heart, If you'll

B it, If you'll o - pen your heart, If you'll

56

S o - pen your heart

A o - pen your heart

T o - pen your heart

B o - pen your heart, Just o - pen your

59

**Allegretto**

S and love it; You — need not search for the

A and love it; You need not search for the

T and love it; You need not search for the

B heart and love it; You need not search for the

## Open Your Eyes

63

S sun - shine bright, You \_\_\_ need not grope in the dark - some hight, You \_\_\_

A sun - shine bright, You need not grope in the dark - some hight, You

T sun - shine bright, You need not grope in the dark - some hight, You

B sun - shine bright, You \_\_\_ need not grope in the dark - some hight, You \_\_\_

66

S need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll o - pen your eyes and

A need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll o - pen your eyes and

T need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll o - pen your eyes and

B need not wan - der with - out the light, If you'll o - pen your eyes and

69

S see it; Be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ it,

A see it; O - pen now your eyes and be -

T see it; Be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ it,

B see it; O - pen now your eyes and be -

# Open Your Eyes

11

72

S You may now be - hold it,

A hold it,

T You may now be - hold it, with -

B hold it, You need not wan - der

75

S and see it.

A Just o - pen your eyes and see it.

T out the light, and see it.

B and see it.

Root & Cady  
(1869)

You need not search for the sunshine bright,  
You need not grope in the darksome night,  
You need not wander without the light,  
If you'll open your eyes and see it;

You need not pine for music sweet,  
And a doleful strain of your own repeat;  
You may know the sound of her beautiful feet,  
Just open your ears and hear it.

You need not sigh for the vanished May,  
Or the cherished hopes that have flown away;  
For yours is the joy of a better day,  
If you'll open your heart and love it.

James Ramsey Murray (1841-1905)

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