



Consolation

Henry Smart
(1813-1879)

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Con moto moderato ♩ = 100

S *p* If life were fair a - round thee, Fair as the heart had

A *p* If life were fair a - round thee, Fair as the heart had

T *p* If life were fair a - round thee, Fair as the heart had

B *p* If life were fair a - round thee, Fair as the heart had

4 *cresc.*
S will'd, With - out a grief to wound thee, Or

A *cresc.*
will'd, With - out a grief to wound thee, —

T *cresc.*
will'd, With - out a grief to wound thee, Or

B *cresc.*
will'd, With - out a grief, a grief to wound thee, Or

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S bright hope un - ful - fill'd, or bright hope un - ful -

A Or bright hope un - ful - fill'd, un - ful -

T bright hope un - ful - fill'd, or bright hope un - ful -

B bright hope un - ful - fill'd, or bright hope un - ful -

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S fill'd; *p* Mor - tal, *f* for death pre - par - ing,

A fill'd; *p* Mor - tal, *f* for death pre - par - ing,

T fill'd; *p* Mor - tal, *f* for death pre - par - ing,

B fill'd; *p* Mor - tal, *f* for death pre - par - - - ing,

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S Could'st thou to death sub - mit? *p* Thou would'st re - fuse, des -

A Could'st thou to death sub - mit? *p* Thou would'st re - fuse, des -

T Could'st thou to death sub - mit? *p* Thou would'st re - fuse, des -

B Could'st thou to death sub - mit? *p* Thou would'st re - fuse, des -

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S pair - ing, A world so dear to quit! Thou

A pair - ing, A world so dear to quit! Thou would'st re -

T pair - ing, A world so dear to quit! Thou would'st re -

B pair - ing, A world so dear to quit! Thou would'st re -

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S would'st re - fuse a world so dear to

A fuse, des - pair - ing, a world so

T fuse, des - pair - ing, a world so

B fuse, des - pair - ing, a world so

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S quit! a world so dear to quit!

A dear, a world so dear to quit!

T dear, a world so dear to quit!

B dear, so dear to quit!

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Tempo 1

S *pp*
But, one by one, thou know - est, Life's gen - tle bonds are

A *pp*
But, one by one, thou know - est, Life's gen - tle bonds are

T *pp*
But, one by one, thou know - est, Life's gen - tle bonds are

B *pp*
But, one by one, thou know - est, Life's gen - tle bonds are

28 *cresc.*
S riv'n; So, cheer'd at heart, thou go - est Thro'

A *cresc.*
riv'n; So, cheer'd at heart, thou go - est

T *cresc.*
riv'n; So, cheer'd at heart, thou go - est Thro'

B *cresc.*
riv'n; So, cheer'd at heart, at heart, thou go - est Thro'

31 *f*
S earth's deep grave to heav'n! Thro' earth's deep grave to

A *f*
Thro' earth's grave to heav'n! Thro' earth's deep grave to

T *f*
earth's deep grave to heav'n! Thro' earth's deep grave to

B *f*
earth's deep grave to heav'n! Thro' earth's deep grave to

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S *p* heav'n! _____ *f* The chains of fear are brok - en,

A *p* heav'n! _____ *f* The chains of fear are brok - en,

T *p* heav'n! _____ *f* The chains of fear are brok - en,

B *p* heav'n! _____ *f* The chains of fear are brok - en,

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S Hope's star is bright a - loft!- *ff* Oft has this truth been

A Hope's star is bright a - loft!- *ff* Oft has _____

T Hope's star is bright a - loft!- *ff* Oft has _____

B Hope's star is bright a - loft!- *ff* Oft has this truth been

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S spok - en, But nev - er once too oft! *dim.* Oft

A — this truth been spok - en, But nev - er once too

T — this truth been spok - en, *dim.* But nev - er

B spok - en, *dim.* But nev - er once, But nev - er

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S has this truth been spok - en, But nev - er once too

A oft! But nev - er, nev - er once too

T once _____ too oft! But nev - er once too

B once _____ too oft! nev - er once too

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S oft! But nev - er once too oft! _____

A oft! But nev - er once too oft! _____

T oft! But nev - er once _____ too oft! _____

B oft! nev - er once too oft! _____

Novello, Ewer and Co.
(1860-1885)

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879) was born in London, son of a music publisher, orchestra director and violinist. He declined a commission in the Indian army and planned to work in law, but he gave it up for a musical career. He was organist of Blackburn parish church; St. Giles-without-Cripplegate; St. Luke's, Old Street; and finally of St. Pancras New Church. He was the music editor for *Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship* (1867), the *Presbyterian Hymnal* (1875), and the hymn book of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. He was a recognized authority on organs and designed many instruments, including those in the City Hall and St. Andrew's Hall in Glasgow, Scotland, and the Town Hall in Leeds. Smart was highly rated as a composer by his contemporaries, especially his organ works and part-songs. His best-known compositions are now probably the hymn tune "Regent Square", commonly sung with the words "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory". In the last fifteen years of his life Smart was practically blind. He composed by dictation, primarily to his daughter.

If life were fair around thee,
Fair as the heart had willed,
Without a grief to wound thee,
Or bright hope unfulfilled;
Mortal, for death preparing,
Could'st thou to death submit?
Thou would'st refuse, despairing,
A world so dear to quit!

But, one by one, thou knowest,
Life's gentle bonds are riven;
So, cheered at heart, thou goest
Through earth's deep grave to heaven!
The chains of fear are broken,
Hope's star is bright aloft!—
Oft has this truth been spoken,
But never once too oft!

transl. from Friedrich de la Motte Fouqué (1777-1843)

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