



Nature's praise

Henry Smart
(1813-1879)

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.

When the Dawning twilight
Wakes up drowsy day,
Forth of heaven's high portals,
Bounds the lark away,
Earthly music mingling
With the angels' lays,
Loud and long he wafteth
Nature's grateful praise!

When, in dazzling glory
Reigns the orb of day,
Over mead and mountain,
With majestic sway,
In the covert hiding,
From his searching gaze,
Blackbird, thrush, and linnet,
Lift their choral praise!

When eve's mystic gleaming
Floats o'er earth her veil,
In the dreamy thicket,
Pipes the nightingale;
Heed, proud man, the lesson
Which this truth conveys,
And with heart untiring
Sound thy Maker's praise!

William Smallcombe Passmore (1817-1876)

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Allegretto ♩ = 132

S *p* When the Dawn - ing twi - light Wakes up drow - sy day,

A *p* When the Dawn - ing twi - light Wakes up drow - sy day,

T *p* When the Dawn - ing twi - light Wakes up drow - sy day,

B *p* When the Dawn - ing twi - light Wakes up drow - sy day, Forth of

5 *cresc.* *f* Forth of heav'n's high por - tals, Bounds the lark a - way,

A *cresc.* *f* Forth of heav'n's high por - tals, Bounds the lark a - way,

T *cresc.* *f* Forth of heav'n's high por - tals, Bounds the lark a - way,

B *cresc.* *f* heav'n's high por - tals, Bounds the lark a - way,



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S Earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the an - gels'

A Earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the an - gels' lays, _____

T Earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the an - gels' lays,

B Earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the an - gels'

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S lays, _____ Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise! _____

A Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise! _____

T Loud and long he waft - eth _____ Na - ture's grate - ful praise! Earth - ly,

B lays, Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise! _____

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S Earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the an - gels' _____

A Earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the an - gels' lays, _____

T earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the an - gels' lays, _____

B Earth - ly mu - sic min - gling With the

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S *f* lays, — Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise! *ff* > Loud,

A *f* Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise!

T *f* Loud and long he waft - eth — Na - ture's grate - ful praise!

B *f* an - gels' lays, Loud he waft - eth Na - ture's praise!

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S > loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's

A *ff* > Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's praise! Loud and long he

T *ff* Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's praise! Loud and

B *ff* Loud and long he waft - eth, he

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S praise! — Loud and long he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise!

A waft - eth, he waft - eth Na - ture's, Na - ture's grate - ful praise!

T long he waft - eth, loud he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise!

B waft - eth, he waft - eth Na - ture's grate - ful praise!

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33 *p*

S When, in daz - zling glo - ry Reigns the orb of day,

A When, in daz - zling glo - ry Reigns the orb of day,

T When, in daz - zling glo - ry Reigns the orb of day,

B *p* When, in daz - zling glo - ry Reigns the orb of day, *cresc.* O - ver

37 *cresc.*

S O - ver mead and moun - tain, With ma - jes - tic sway, _____

A *cresc.* O - ver mead and moun - tain, With ma - jes - tic sway, _____

T *cresc.* O - ver mead and moun - tain, With ma - jes - tic sway, _____

B mead and moun - tain, With ma - jes - tic sway, _____

41 *p*

S In the co - vert hid - ing, From his search - ing

A *p* In the co - vert hid - ing, From his search - ing gaze, _____

T *p* In the co - vert hid - ing, From his search - ing gaze,

B *p* In the co - vert hid - ing, From his search - ing

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S gaze, Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise! *dim.*

A Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise! *dim.*

T Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise! In the *dim.*

B gaze, Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise! *dim.*

49

S In the co - vert hid - ing, From his search - ing *poco cresc.*

A In the co - vert hid - ing, From his search - ing gaze, *poco cresc.*

T co - vert hid - ing, From his search - ing gaze, *poco cresc.*

B In the co - vert hid - ing, From his *poco cresc.*

53

S gaze, Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise! Black - *f* *ff* >

A Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise!

T Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise!

B search - ing gaze, Lift their cho - ral praise!

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S - - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their

A *ff* Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their praise! Black - bird, thrush, and

T *ff* Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their praise! Black - bird,

B *ff* Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net,

61

S praise! — Black - bird, thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise!

A lin - net, — Lift their cho - ral praise! their cho - ral praise!

T thrush, and lin - net, Lift their cho - ral praise! their cho - ral praise!

B Lift their cho - ral praise! their cho - ral praise!

65

S *pp* When eve's mys - tic gleam - ing Floats o'er earth her veil, —

A *pp* When eve's mys - tic gleam - ing Floats o'er earth her veil,

T *pp* When eve's mys - tic gleam - ing Floats o'er earth her veil,

B *pp* When eve's mys - tic gleam - ing Floats o'er earth her veil,

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S In the dream - y thick - et, Pipes the night - in - gale; _____

A In the dream - y thick - et, Pipes the night - in - gale; _____

T In the dream - y thick - et, Pipes the night - in - gale; _____

B In the dream - y thick - et, Pipes the night - in - gale; _____

73 *cresc.*

S Heed, proud man, the les - son Which this truth con - veys, _____

A Heed, proud man, the les - son Which this truth con - veys, And with _____

T Heed, proud man, the les - son Which this truth con - veys, _____

B Heed, proud man, the les - son Which this truth con - veys, And with _____

77 *f*

S And with heart un - tir - ing Sound thy Mak - er's praise! _____

A heart un - tir - ing Sound thy Mak - er's praise! _____

T And with heart un - tir - ing Sound thy Mak - er's praise! _____

B heart un - tir - ing Sound thy Mak - er's praise! thy Mak - er's _____

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S Heed, proud man, the les - son Which this truth con -

A Heed, proud man, the les - son Which this truth con - veys,

T Heed, proud man, the les - son Which this truth con - veys,

B praise! Heed, heed, proud man, the les - son

pp *poco cresc.*

85

S veys, And with heart un - stir - ring Sound thy Mak - er's praise! And

A And with heart un - stir - ring Sound thy Mak - er's praise!

T And with heart un - stir - ring Sound thy Mak - er's praise!

B And un - stir - ring Sound thy Mak - er's praise!

f *ff* *>*

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S with heart un - stir - ring, heart un -

A And with heart un - stir - ring, un - stir - ring, And with heart un -

T And with heart un - stir - ring, with heart un -

B And with heart un - stir - ring, with

ff

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S
stir - ring Sound thy Mak - er's praise! — Sound thy Mak - er's praise!

A
stir - ring — Sound thy Mak - er's praise! thy Mak - er's praise!

T
stir - ring Sound thy Mak - er's praise! Sound thy Mak - er's praise!

B
heart un - stir - ring Sound thy Mak - er's praise!

Tonic Sol-Fa Society
(1871)

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