



**Now May is here**

**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.

Now May is here, and in the dell  
The primrose star, the cowslip bell,  
The violet hides amid the grove,  
The honeysuckle climbs above,  
The mavis sings, the sky is clear,  
All fair I see, all glad I hear;  
Of all that's sweet in earth and air,  
I say 'tis like my lady fair—  
    Aye! like my lady fair!

Now May is here, but in the May  
The sunshine flies sometimes away:  
I've seen it leave a face in tears,  
With little woes and wayward fears;  
It may be so, I'll not complain,  
But say the sun will shine again  
And all be sweet in earth and air,  
And so will be my lady fair—  
    Aye! so my lady fair.

Frederick Enoch (1826-1905)

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Henry Smart

Allegretto moderato ♩ = 83

S  
Now May is here, and in the dell The\_\_\_

A  
Now May is here, and in the dell The prim - rose

T  
Now May is here, now May is here,\_\_\_ and in the

B  
Now May is here,\_\_\_ now

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S  
prim-rose star, the cow - slip bell,\_\_\_ The vio - let hides a - mid the grove, The

A  
star, the cow - slip bell, the cow-slip bell, The vio - let hides a - mid the grove, The

T  
dell The prim - rose star,\_\_\_ the cow-slip bell, The vio - let hides, The

B  
May is here,\_\_\_ and in the dell the cow-slip bell, The vio - let hides, The

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S hon - ey - suck - le climbs a - bove, The ma - vis sings, the sky is clear, All

A hon - ey - suck - le climbs a - bove, The ma - vis sings, the sky is clear,

T hon - ey - suck - le climbs a - bove, The ma - vis sings, the sky is clear,

B hon - ey - suck - le climbs a - bove, The ma - vis sings, the sky is clear,

10

S fair I see, all glad I hear, All fair I see, all

A all glad I hear, I hear, All fair I see, all

T All fair I see, all glad I hear, All fair I see,

B All glad I hear, All fair I see, all

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S glad I hear, All fair I see, all glad I hear; Of

A glad I hear, All fair I see, all glad I hear; Of

T all glad I hear, All fair I see, all glad I hear; Of

B glad I hear, All fair I see, all glad I hear; Of

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S all that's sweet in earth and air, I say 'tis like my

A all that's sweet in earth and air, I say \_\_\_\_\_ 'tis like my

T all that's sweet in earth and air, I say \_\_\_\_\_ 'tis like my

B all that's sweet in earth and air, I say 'tis like my

19

S la - dy fair-\_\_\_\_\_ Aye! \_\_\_\_\_ like my \_\_\_\_\_ la - dy \_\_\_\_\_ fair!

A la - dy fair-\_\_\_\_\_ Aye! \_\_\_\_\_ like my la - dy fair!

T la - dy fair-\_\_\_\_\_ Aye! \_\_\_\_\_ like my \_\_\_\_\_ la - dy \_\_\_\_\_ fair! Aye! \_\_\_\_\_

B la - dy fair-\_\_\_\_\_ Aye! \_\_\_\_\_ like my la - dy fair!

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S Aye! like my la - dy fair! *f* The ma - vis sings, the sky \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ clear, All

A Aye! \_\_\_\_\_ like my la - dy fair! *f* The ma - vis sings, the sky \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ clear, All \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_ like my la - dy fair! *f* The ma - vis sings, the sky \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ clear, All \_\_\_\_\_

B Aye! like my la - dy fair! *f* The ma - vis sings, All

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S fair I see, all glad I hear; Of all that's sweet in

A fair I see, all glad I hear; Of all that's sweet in

T fair I see, all glad I hear; Of all that's sweet

B glad I hear; Of all that's sweet in earth and air, I

27

S earth and air, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

A earth and air, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

T in earth and air, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

B say 'tis like my la - dy fair, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

30

S Aye! like my la - dy fair! my la - dy fair!

A Aye! like my la - dy fair! my la - dy fair! my la - dy fair!

T Aye! like my la - dy fair! my la - dy fair!

B Aye! like my la - dy fair! my la - dy fair!

# Now May is here

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S my la - dy fair! \_\_\_\_\_  
A my la - dy, la - dy fair! \_\_\_\_\_  
T my la - dy, my la - dy fair! \_\_\_\_\_  
B la - dy fair! my la - dy fair! \_\_\_\_\_

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S Now May is here, but in the May \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_  
A Now May is here, but in the May \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_  
T Now May is here, now May is here, but in the  
B Now May is here, \_\_\_\_\_ but

41

S sun-shine flies some-times a way: \_\_\_\_\_  
A sun-shine flies some-times a way, flies a way: I've seen it  
T May The sun-shine flies some-times a way: I've seen it  
B in the May sun-shine flies some-times a way: I've seen it leave a

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S I've seen it leave a face in tears, With way - ward fears; It

A leave a face in tears, With way - ward woes and fears; It

T leave a face in tears, With way - ward woes and fears; It

B face in tears, With lit - tle woes and way - ward fears; It

47

S may be so, I'll not com - plain, But say the sun

A may be so, I'll not com - plain, the sun will

T may \_\_\_\_\_ be so, I'll not \_\_\_\_\_ com - plain, But say the sun will

B may be so, I'll not com - plain, But

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S will shine a - gain, but say the sun will shine a - gain, \_\_\_\_\_

A shine a - gain, but say \_\_\_\_\_ the sun will shine a - gain, \_\_\_\_\_

T shine a - gain, \_\_\_\_\_ but say \_\_\_\_\_ the sun \_\_\_\_\_ will shine a - gain, \_\_\_\_\_

B say the sun, \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ say the sun will shine a - gain, \_\_\_\_\_



# Now May is here

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S say the sun will shine a - gain And all be sweet in

A say the sun will shine a - gain And all be

T say the sun will shine a - gain And

B say the sun will shine a - gain

*pp*

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S earth and air, And so will be my la - dy fair-

A sweet in earth and air, And so my la - dy fair-

T all be sweet, And so will be my la - dy fair-

B *pp* And all be sweet, And be my la - dy fair-

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S *poco cresc.* Aye! so my la - dy fair, Aye! so my

A *poco cresc.* Aye! so my la - dy fair! Aye! so my

T *poco cresc.* Aye! so my la - dy fair, Aye! so my

B *poco cresc.* Aye! so my la - dy fair, Aye! so my

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S la - dy fair. The ma - vis sings, the sky is clear, All

A la - dy fair! The ma - vis sings, the sky is clear, All

T la - dy fair. The ma - vis sings, the sky is clear, All

B la - dy fair. The ma - vis sings, All

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S fair I see, all glad I hear; Of all that's sweet in

A fair I see, all glad I hear; Of all that's sweet in

T fair I see, all glad I hear; Of all that's sweet in

B glad I hear; Of all that's sweet in earth and air, I

66

S earth and air, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

A earth and air, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

T in earth and air, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

B say 'tis like my la - dy fair, I say 'tis like my la - dy fair-

# Now May is here

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S Aye! like my lady fair! my lady fair!

A Aye! like my lady fair! my lady fair! my lady fair!

T Aye! like my lady fair! my lady fair!

B Aye! like my lady fair! my lady fair!

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S my lady fair! my lady fair!

A my lady, lady fair!

T my lady, my lady fair!

B la - dy fair! my lady fair!

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