



We may laugh and we may sing

William Spark
(1823-1897)

William Spark (1823-1897) was born in Exeter, England. He was a chorister at Exeter Cathedral and appointed deputy organist to Samuel Sebastian Wesley at Leeds Parish church. He became organist and choirmaster at Chapelton Church and held positions at Tiverton, Daventry, and St. George's Church. For nearly forty years, he served as Leeds City Organist and, in conjunction with Henry Smart, designed the Town Hall's grand organ. He founded the Leeds Madrigal and Motet Society, the Leeds Recreation Society, the People's Concerts, and other organizations. He was editor for The Organists' Quarterly Journal. His works and writings were very influential bringing one journal to suggest him peer to Handel. He died in Leeds. His compositions include an oratorio, cantatas, anthems, many works for organ, piano pieces, songs, glees, and part-songs.

We may laugh and we may sing,
Each as happy as a King,
As we journey on thro' life.

When the heart is free from care,
And the world seems bright and fair,
Still untouched by pain and strife.

When the heart is free from care,
And each other's love we share,
We may tread the path with ease.

We may tread the path with ease,
And be happy as we please,
And we never need to sigh.

Joseph Henry Eccles (1824-1883)

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Wm. Spark

Moderately fast

S *p* When the heart is free from care,

A *p* When the heart is free from care,

T *p* When the heart is free from care,

B *p* When the heart is free from care, _____ And the

5
S And the world seems bright and fair,

A And the world seems bright and fair,

T And the world seems bright and fair,

B world seems bright and fair, _____ Still un -

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9

S *cresc.*
Still un - touched by pain and strife, _____

A *cresc.*
Still un - touched by pain and strife, _____

T *cresc.*
Still un - touched by pain and strife, un -

B *cresc.*
touched by pain and strife, Still un - touched by pain and strife, _____

13

S *p*
_____ un - touched by pain and strife,

A *p*
_____ un - touched by pain and _____ strife,

T *p*
touched, un - touched by pain and strife,

B *p*
_____ un - touched by pain and strife, *mf* We may

18

S *f*
We may laugh, _____ We may *stacc.*

A *mf cresc.*
We may laugh, we may laugh, _____ We may *p stacc.*

T *mf*
We may laugh, _____ we may laugh, _____ We may *p stacc.*

B *mf*
laugh, _____ we may laugh, _____ We may *p stacc.*

We may laugh and we may sing

24

S laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

A laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

T laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

B laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

28

S jour - ney on thro' life, as we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

A jour - ney on thro' life, as we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

T jour - ney on thro' life, as we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

B jour - ney on thro' life, as we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

32

S laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may

A laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may

T laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may

B laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King.

We may laugh and we may sing

36

S laugh and we may sing, We may

A laugh and we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

T laugh and we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

B We may laugh and we may sing, We may

40

S laugh, we may sing, and we may sing, We may

A laugh, we may sing, and we may sing, We may

T laugh, we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

B laugh, we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

45

S laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

A laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

T laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

B laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

We may laugh and we may sing

49

S
jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

A
jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

T
jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

B
jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

53

S
laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King.

A
laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King.

T
laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may

B
laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King.

57

S
We may laugh, _____ We may

A
We may laugh, we may sing,

T
laugh, _____ We may laugh, _____ We may

B
We may laugh, we may sing,

We may laugh and we may sing

61

S laugh, _____ We may laugh, we may sing, We may

A We may laugh, We may laugh, we may sing, We may

T laugh, _____ We may laugh, we may sing, We may

B We may laugh, We may laugh, we may sing, We may

65

S laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing, We ___ may

A laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing,

T laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing,

B laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing, We ___ may

69

S laugh, we ___ may sing, we ___ may laugh, We may laugh and we may

A We may laugh and we may

T We may laugh and we may

B laugh, we ___ may sing, we ___ may laugh, We may laugh and we may

We may laugh and we may sing

73

S sing, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may

A sing, may laugh, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may laugh, may

T sing, may laugh, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may laugh, may

B sing, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may

76

S laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

A laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

T laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

B laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

S When the heart is free from care,

A When the heart is free from care,

T When the heart is free from care,

B When the heart is free from care, And each

We may laugh and we may sing

84

S And each oth - er's love we share,

A And each oth - er's love we share,

T And each oth - er's love we share,

B oth - er's love we share, _____ We may

88

S *cresc.* We may tread the path with ease, _____

A *cresc.* We may tread the path with ease, _____

T *cresc.* We may tread the path with ease, may

B *cresc.* tread the path with ease, We may tread the path with ease, _____

92

S *p* _____ may tread the path with ease,

A *p* _____ may tread the path with _____ ease,

T *p* tread, may tread the path with ease,

B *p* _____ may tread the path with ease, *mf* We may

We may laugh and we may sing

97

S *f* We may laugh, _____ We may *p stacc.*

A *mf cresc.* We may laugh, we may laugh, _____ We may *p stacc.*

T *mf* We may laugh, _____ we may laugh, _____ We may *p stacc.*

B laugh, _____ we may laugh, _____ We may *p stacc.*

103

S laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may *f*

A laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may *f*

T laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may *f*

B laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may *f*

107

S tread the path with ease, And be hap - py as we please, And we

A tread the path with ease, And be hap - py as we please, And we

T tread the path with ease, And be hap - py as we please, And we

B tread the path with ease, And be hap - py as we please, And we

We may laugh and we may sing

111

S
nev - er need to sigh, And we nev - er need to sigh. We may

A
nev - er need to sigh, And we nev - er need to sigh. We may

T
nev - er need to sigh, And we nev - er need to sigh. We may

B
nev - er need to sigh, And we nev - er need to sigh.

115

S
laugh and we may sing, We may

A
laugh and we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

T
laugh and we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

B
We may laugh and we may sing, We may

119

S
laugh, we may sing, and we may sing, We may

A
laugh, we may sing, and we may sing, We may

T
laugh, we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

B
laugh, we may sing, We may laugh and we may sing, We may

We may laugh and we may sing

124

S laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

A laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

T laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

B laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. As we

128

S jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

A jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

T jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

B jour - ney on thro' life, As we jour - ney on thro' life, We may

132

S laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King.

A laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King.

T laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King. We may

B laugh and we may sing, Each as hap - py as a King.

We may laugh and we may sing

136

S
We may laugh, _____ We may

A
We may laugh, we may sing,

T
laugh, _____ We may laugh, _____ We may

B
We may laugh, we may sing,

140

S
laugh, _____ We may laugh, we may sing, We may

A
We may laugh, We may laugh, we may sing, We may

T
laugh, _____ We may laugh, we may sing, We may

B
We may laugh, We may laugh, we may sing, We may

144

S
laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing, We ___ may

A
laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing,

T
laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing,

B
laugh and we may sing, _____ may laugh and we may sing, We ___ may

We may laugh and we may sing

148

S laugh, we — may sing, we — may laugh, We may laugh and we may

A We may laugh and we may

T We may laugh and we may

B laugh, we — may sing, we — may laugh, We may laugh and we may

152

S sing, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may

A sing, may laugh, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may laugh, may

T sing, may laugh, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may laugh, may

B sing, may laugh and sing, may laugh, may

155

S laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

A laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

T laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

B laugh and sing, may laugh, may sing.

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