



MADRIGALS

Opus 12

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# The Fairy Queene

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(1867-1907)

**Alexandra Thomson** (1867-1907) was the daughter of the Most Rev. William Thomson, Archbishop of York. She studied at York Minster under Dr. John Naylor and at the Royal College of Music. She married New Zealand army officer Lt.-Col. John Studholme in 1897 and moved to Coldstream, New Zealand. She died there from chloroform administered as an anesthetic for an examination of an unknown medical complaint. She was known as an outstanding organist and composer of organ pieces.

Come, follow, follow me,  
You fairy elves that be;  
Which circle on the greene,  
Come, follow Mab your Queene.  
Hand in hand let's dance arounde,  
For this place is fairy grounde.

When mortals are at rest  
And snoring in their nest,  
Unheard and unespied,  
Through keyholes we do glide,  
Over tables, stools, and shelves  
We trip it with our fairy elves.

Upon a mushroome's head  
Our tablecloth we spread,  
A grain of rye or wheat  
Is manchet which we eat;  
Pearly drops of dew we drink  
In acorn cups filled to the brink.

On tops of dewie grasse,  
So nimbly do we passe,  
The young and tender stalk  
Ne'er bends when we do walk,  
Yet in the morning may be seen  
Where we the night before have been.

16th century anon.

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*Allegretto scherzando*

S  
Come, fol - low, fol - low me, You fai - ry elves that be; Which

A  
Come, fol - low, fol - low me, fol - low me, You fai - ry elves that be; fol - low me, Which

T  
Fol - low, fol - low me, fol - low me, You — fai - ry elves that be; Which

B  
Fol - low me, fol - low me, Which

5  
S  
cir - cle on the greene, Come, fol - low Mab your Queene. 1. Queene. 2. Queene.

A  
cir - cle on the greene, Come, fol - low Mab your Queene. Queene.

T  
cir - cle on the greene, Come, fol - low Mab your Queene. Queene.

B  
cir - cle on the greene, Come, fol - low Mab your Queene. Queene.



# The Fairy Queene

10 *p*

S Hand in hand let's dance a - rounde, For this place is fai - ry

A Hand in hand let's dance a - rounde,

T Hand in hand let's dance a - rounde, For this place is fai - ry

B Hand in hand let's dance a - rounde,

13 *cresc.* *f* *dim.*

S grounde, Hand in hand let's dance a - rounde, For this

A For this place is fai - ry grounde, For this

T grounde, For this place, this

B For this place is fai - ry grounde, For this place is fai - ry

16 *p*

S place is fai - ry grounde.

A place is fai - ry grounde.

T place is fai - ry grounde.

B grounde, is fai - ry grounde.

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18 *Andante*  
*molto legato*

S When mor - tals are at rest And

A When mor - tals are at rest

T When mor - tals are at rest

B When mor - tals are at rest And

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S snor - ing in their nest, When

A And snor - ing in their nest, When

T And snor - ing in their nest,

B snor - ing in their nest, When

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S mor - tals are at rest And

A mor - tals are at rest, at rest And

T When mor - tals are at rest And

B mor - tals are at rest And

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S  
snor - ing in their nest.

A  
snor - ing in their nest.

T  
snor - ing in their nest.

B  
snor - ing in their nest. Un -

Tempo 1mo

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S  
Un - heard and un - es - pyed, Thro' key - holes we do

A  
Un - heard and un - es - pyed, Thro' key - holes we do

T  
Un - heard and un - es - pyed, Thro'

B  
heard and un - es - pyed, Thro' key - - - holes

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S  
glide, thro' key - holes we do glide, thro' key - holes we do

A  
glide, thro' key - holes we do glide, thro' key - holes we do

T  
key - holes we do glide, thro' key - holes we do

B  
we do glide, thro' key - holes

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S glide, thro' key - holes we do glide, *f* O - ver ta - bles, stools, and

A glide, thro' key - holes we do glide, *f* O - ver ta - bles, stools, and

T glide, thro' key - holes we do glide, *f* O - ver ta - bles, stools, and

B we do glide, we do glide, *f* O - ver ta - bles, stools, and

47

S shelves We trip it with our fai - ry elves, we

A shelves We trip it with our fai - ry elves, we

T shelves We trip it with our fai - ry elves, we

B shelves We trip it with our

50

S trip it with our fai - ry elves, we trip it with our fai - ry

A trip it with our fai - - - ry elves, our fai - ry

T trip it, we trip it with our fai - ry elves, our fai - ry

B fai - ry elves, we trip it with our fai - ry, fai - ry



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S elves. Up - on a mush-roome's head Our ta - ble - cloth we spread, A

A elves.

T elves. Up - on a mush-roome's head Our ta - ble - cloth we spread,

B elves. A grain of rye or

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S grain of rye or wheat Is man - chet which we eat; Pearl - y drops of dew we drink, pearl - y

A grain of rye or wheat Is man - chet which we eat; Pearl - y

T which we eat; Pearl - y

B wheat — Is man - chet — which we eat; Pearl - y drops of dew

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S drops of dew we drink, pearl - y drops of dew we drink In a - corn cups, in

A drops — of dew we drink In a - corn

T drops of dew we drink In a - corn cups, in a - corn cups,

B In — a - corn cups filled,

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S a - corn cups filled to the brink. On tops of dew - ie

A cups filled to the brink. On tops of dew - ie

T in a - corn cups, in a - corn cups filled to the brink. On tops of dew - ie

B filled, filled to the brink.

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S grasse, So nim - bly do we passe, The

A grasse, dew - ie grasse, So nim - bly do we passe, do we passe, The

T grasse, dew - ie grasse, So nim - bly do we passe, do we passe, The

B dew - ie grasse, nim - bly passe, The

69

S young and ten - der stalk Ne'er bends when we do walk, Yet

A young and ten - der stalk Ne'er bends when we do walk,

T young and ten - der stalk Ne'er bends when we do walk, Yet

B young and ten - der stalk Ne'er bends when we do walk,

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S in the morn - ing may be seen Where we the night be - fore have

A Yet in the morn - ing may be seen Where

T in the morn - ing may be seen Where we the night be - fore have

B Yet in the morn - ing may be seen Where

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S *cresc.* been, Yet in the morn - ing may be seen *f* Where *dim.*

A *cresc.* we the night be - fore have been, *f* the *dim.*

T *cresc.* been, Where we *f* the *dim.*

B *cresc.* we the night be - fore have been, *f* Where we the night be - fore have *dim.*

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S *rall.* we the night be - fore have been, *p* **Lento** *pp* Where we the night be - fore have been.

A *rall.* night be - fore have been, *p* *pp* the night be - fore have been.

T *rall.* night be - fore have been, *p* *pp* Where we the night be - fore have been.

B *rall.* been, have been, *p* *pp* the night be - fore have been.

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