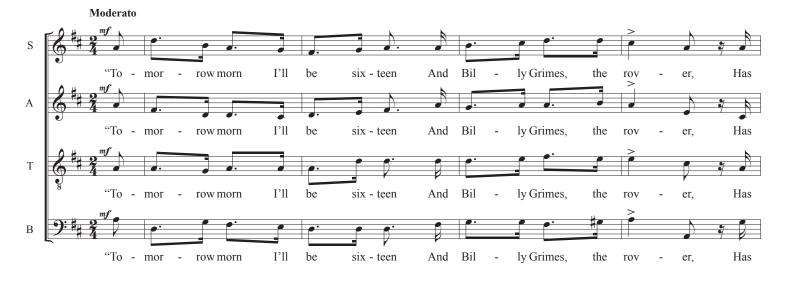
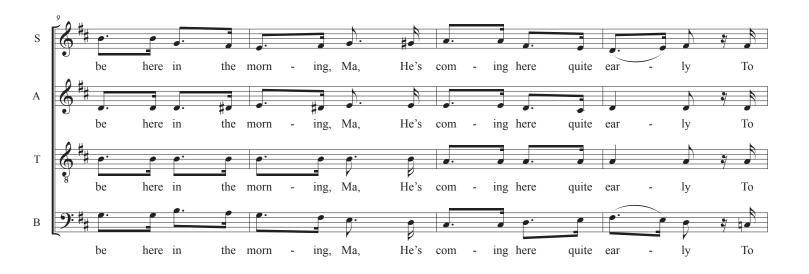


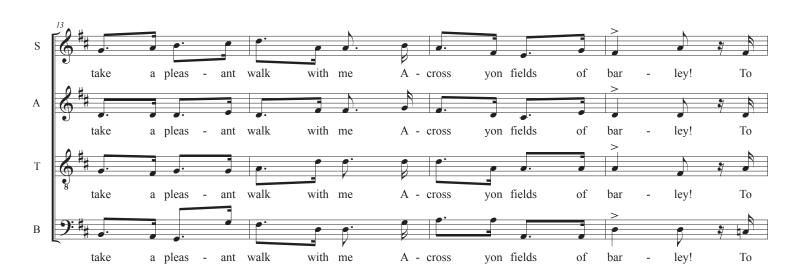
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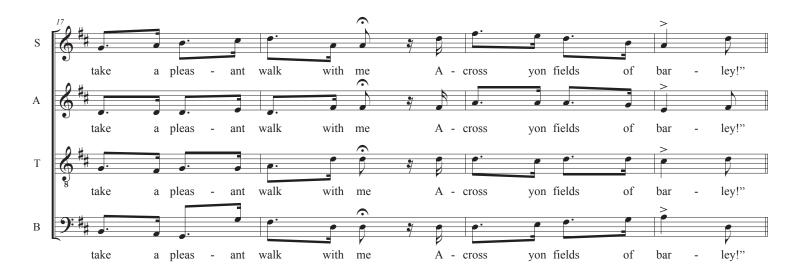


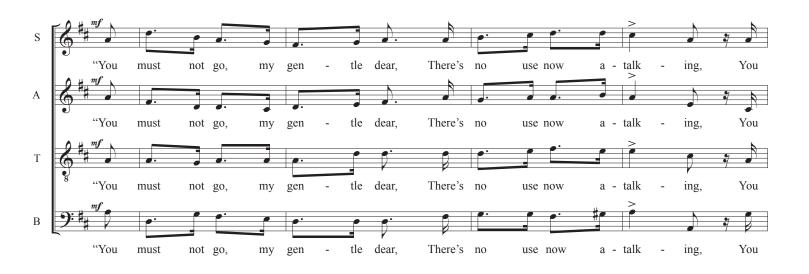


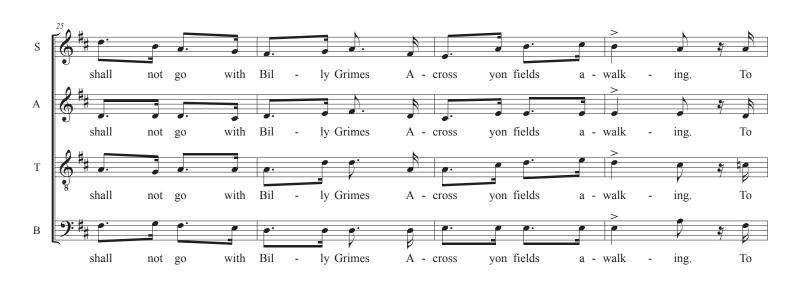


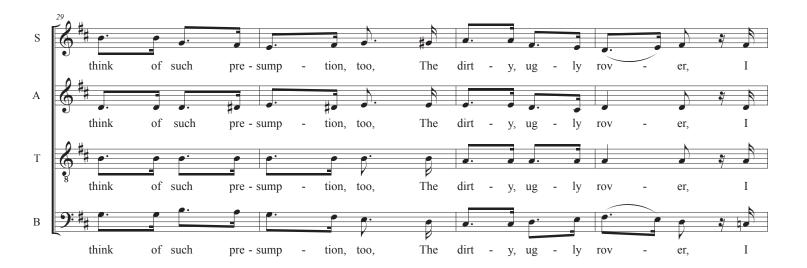


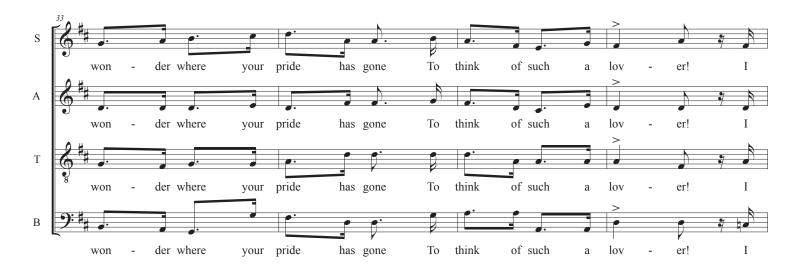


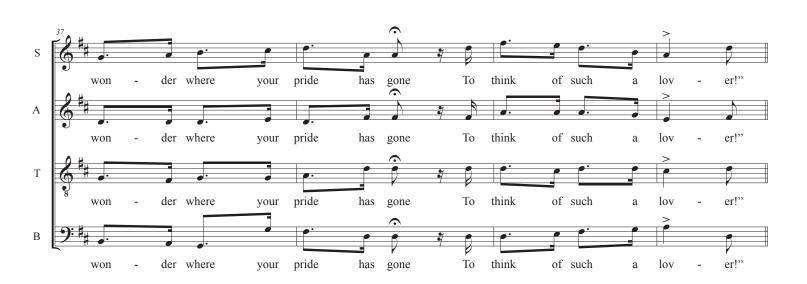


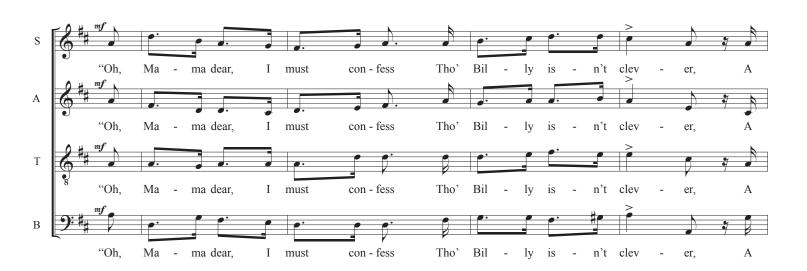


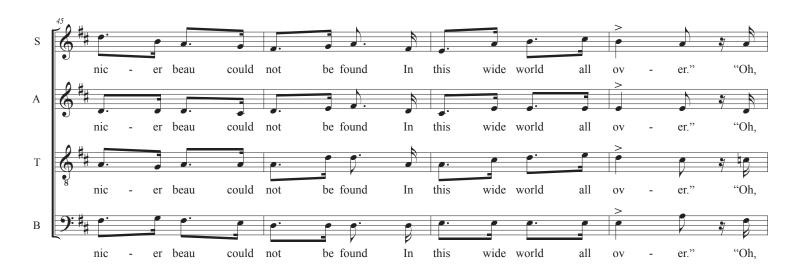


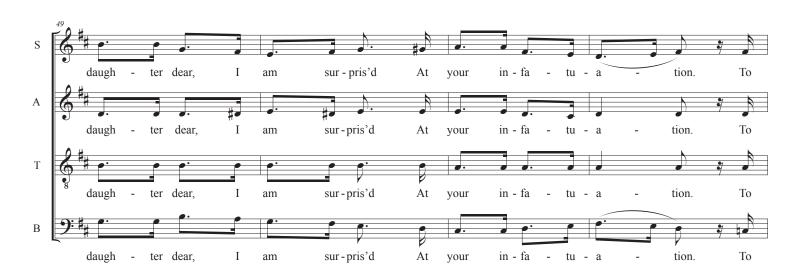


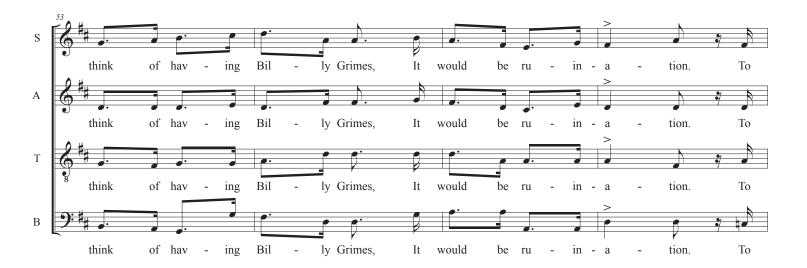


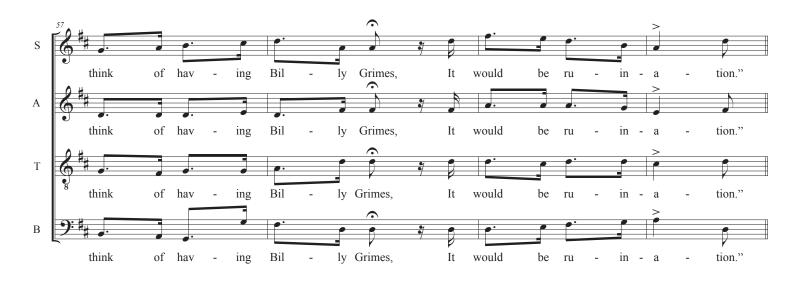




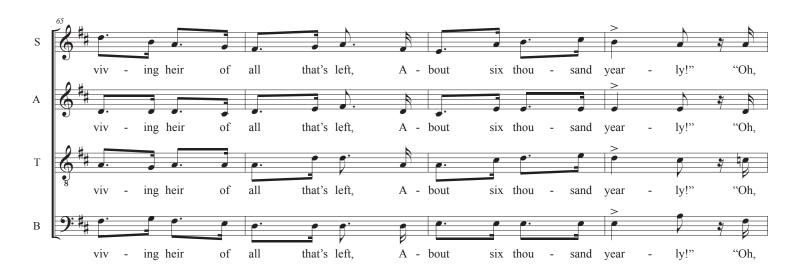


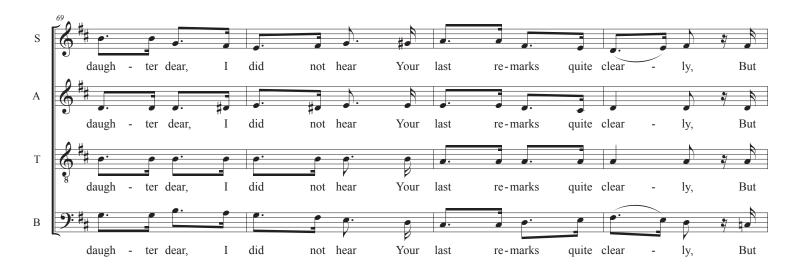


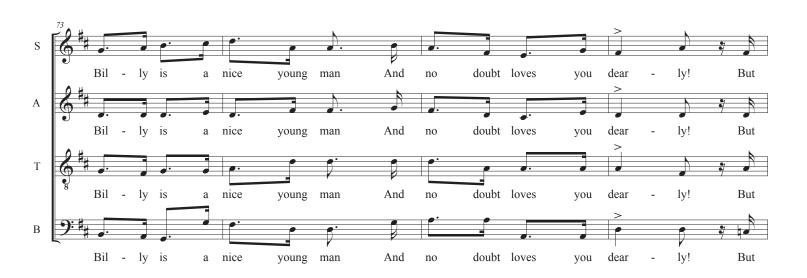


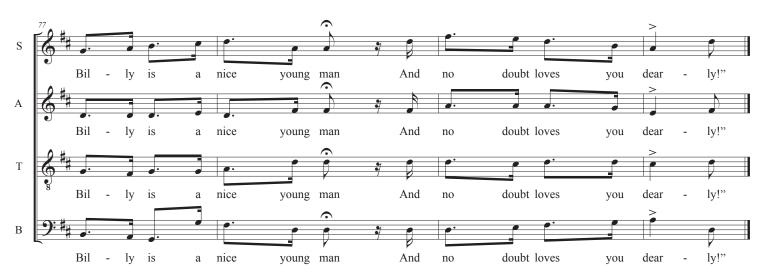












Mason & Law (1850)

George James Webb (1803-1887) was born at Rushmore Lodge, near Salisbury in Wiltshire, England. He trained early in England and was an organist in Falmouth, England. He emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1830. He was organist at the Old South Church in Boston for nearly 40 years and was organist at the Boston Church of the New Jerusalem. With Lowell Mason, he founded the Boston Academy of Music. He was president of the Handel and Haydn Society. In 1871, he left Boston, taught in New York from 1876-1885, and retired to Orange, New Jersey. He was an editor for the journals "The Music Library" and "The Music Cabinet." He published the books "Vocal Techniques" and "Voice Culture," and was editor and arranger of the collections "Young Ladies' Vocal Class Book," "The Glee Hive," "The New Odeon," "The Vocalist," the "Little Songster," and "Cantica Laudis." He composed organ music, choral music, and hymns. His most well-known composition is his part-song "Tis Dawn, the Lark is Singing." The original song was well received and later adapted as a hymn with the addition of sacred words "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."

"Tomorrow morn I'll be sixteen And Billy Grimes, the rover, Has popped the question to me, Ma, And wants to be my lover.

"He'll be here in the morning, Ma, He's coming here quite early To take a pleasant walk with me Across yon fields of barley!"

"You must not go, my gentle dear, There's no use now a-talking, You shall not go with Billy Grimes Across yon fields a-walking.

To think of such presumption, too, The dirty, ugly rover, I wonder where your pride has gone To think of such a lover!" "Oh, Mama dear, I must confess Though Billy isn't clever, A nicer beau could not be found In this wide world all over."

"Oh, daughter dear, I am surprised At your infatuation. To think of having Billy Grimes, It would be ruination."

"Oh, Mama dear, old Grimes is dead And Billy is the only Surviving heir of all that's left, About six thousand yearly!"

"Oh, daughter dear, I did not hear Your last remarks quite clearly, But Billy is a nice young man And no doubt loves you dearly!"

Richard Coe

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