

O can ye sew cushions?

Scottish cradle song

Granville Bantock (1868-1946)

Sir Granville Ransome Bantock (1868-1946) was born in London. In his late teens, he began to show an interest in music, but his father enrolled him to study for the Indian Civil Service. Bantock would skip lectures to attend concerts and peruse scores in libraries. A diplomatic career was abandoned and he began studies in Chemical Engineering. He became ill and he was banished by doctors to a dark room at home for six months. His father conceded to the young composer's desire to study music. He entered the Royal Academy of Music in 1889 to study composition. On leaving the RAM in 1893 he worked as an editor of the New Quarterly Musical Review and as a conductor of light opera. From 1897 to 1900 he was Musical Director at the New Brighton Tower Pleasure Gardens where he extended the small seaside band to a full-scale symphony orchestra and presented concerts of music by Elgar, Parry, Stanford, Sibelius, Mackenzie, Corder and Wagner. In 1900 he became Principal at the Birmingham and Midland Institute and in 1908 became Peyton Professor of Music at the University of Birmingham and also taught at Trinity College, London. He had an active career as an important academic, composer, examiner, adjudicator, editor, conductor and committee member for a variety of institutions.

O can ye sew cushions, and can ye sew sheets? And can ye sing baluloo when the bairn greets? And hee and ba, birdie, and hee and ba lamb! And hee and ba, birdie, my bonnie wee lamb!

O wee, O wee, what will I do wi' you? Black's the life that I lead wi' you! Nony o' you, little for to gi'e you.

I've placed my cradle on yon holly top; And aye as the wind blew my cradle did rock. O hushaba, baby, O ba lilly loo! And hee and ba, birdie, my bonnie wee doo!

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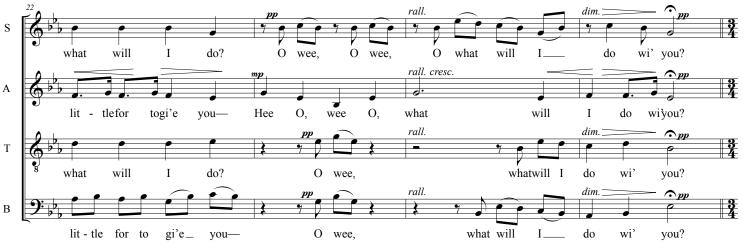
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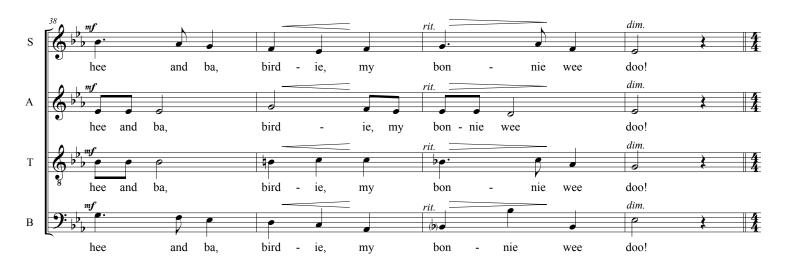
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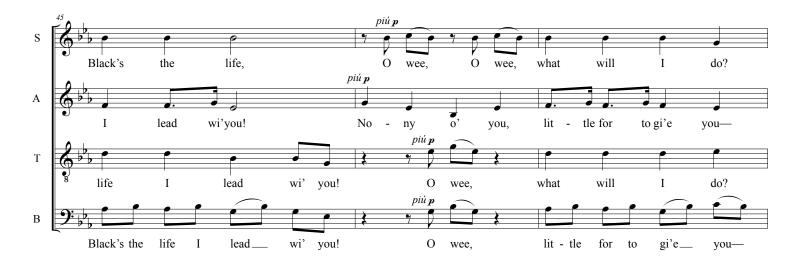
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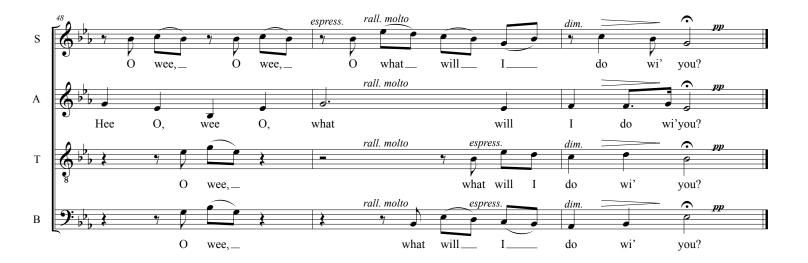
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