



Swallow, Swallow,
Hither Wing

Walter E. Macfarren
(1828-1905)

Walter Cecil Macfarren (1826–1905) was in London, the younger brother of one of the leading Victorian composers, George Alexander Macfarren. He was a chorister at Westminster Abbey and sang at Queen Victoria's coronation. He had thoughts of becoming an artist, taking lessons in painting, but entered the Royal Academy of Music, studying the pianoforte and composition. He became a sub-professor of the pianoforte and was on the staff of the Royal Academy fifty-seven years. Macfarren was musical critic for the 'Queen' newspaper from 1862 until his death. He was chiefly concerned with teaching the piano and had some distinction as a conductor. He suffered from weak eyesight, but did not become totally blind, as did his brother. He composed many small pianoforte pieces and choral works, including two church services and many part-songs. He wrote no large-scale choral or dramatic works and wrote only a limited amount of orchestral music.

Swallow, swallow, hither wing;
Hither, swallow, bringing Spring;
From the lake hath gone the teal;
Fled the widgeon from the stream.
Swallow, swallow, hither wing;
Hither, swallow, bringing Spring;
Now no more our bursting woods
Hear the swooping merlin's scream;
Come, thou dawn of Summer, come,
Hither leaves and shadows bringing,
Bladed furrows, nested eaves,
Sweetest songs the south is singing;
Come, thou dawn of Summer, come,
Hither leaves and shadows bringing,
Bringing violets, bringing Spring,
Hither swallow, hither wing.
Swallow, swallow, hither wing,
Hither, swallow, bringing Spring;
Swallow, swallow, hither wing,
Hither, swallow, bringing Spring.

Swallow, swallow, hither wing,
Dearest playmate of the Spring;
Come— the celandine no more
Dreads the gusty wrath of March.
Swallow, swallow, hither wing;
Dearest playmate of the Spring;
Golden tasseled is the birch;
Emerald fringes hath the larch;
Come, thou news of Summer, come;
Trills and hedgerow twiterings bringing,
Quivering mountings of the lark,
Shrillest songs the ouzel's singing;
Come, thou news of Summer, come;
Trills and hedgerow twiterings bringing;
Snowing orchards, flight of Spring,
Hither, swallow, hither wing.
Swallow, swallow, hither wing;
Hither, swallow, bringing Spring;
Swallow, swallow, hither wing,
Hither, swallow, bringing Spring.

William Cox Bennett 1(820-1895)

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W. C. Macfarren

Allegretto $\text{♩} = 84$

S
Swal-low, swal-low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; From the

A
Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; From the

T
Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; From the

B
Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; From the

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S
lake hath gone the teal; — Fled the wid - geon from the stream. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

A
lake hath gone the teal; Fled the wid - geon from the stream. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

T
lake hath gone the teal; Fled the wid - geon from the stream. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

B
lake hath gone the teal; Fled the wid - geon from the stream. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

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S
swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; — Now no

A
swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; Now no

T
swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; Now no

B
swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring; Now no

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S
more our burst - ing woods Hear the swoop - ing mer - lin's scream;

A
more our burst - ing woods Hear the mer - lin's scream;

T
more our burst - ing woods Hear the swoop - ing mer - lin's scream;

B
more our burst - ing woods Hear the mer - lin's scream;

$\text{♩} = 84$
mf

S
Come, thou dawn of Sum - mer, come, Hith - er leaves and shad - ows bring - ing, Blad - ed

A
Come, thou dawn, Sum - mer, come, Hith - er leaves and shad - ows bring - ing, Blad - ed

T
Come, thou dawn of Sum - mer, come, Sum - mer, come, Come,

B
Come, thou dawn of Sum - mer, come, Sum - mer, come, Come,

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S fur - rows, nest - ed eaves, Sweet - est songs the south is sing - ing; Come, thou

A fur - rows, eaves, Sweet - est songs; Come, thou

T come, Sum - mer, come, Come, Sum - mer, sing - ing; come

B Sum - mer, come, Sweet - est songs the south is sing - ing; Come,

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S dawn of Sum - mer, come, Hith - er leaves and shad - ows bring - ing, Bring - ing

A dawn, Sum - mer, come, Hith - er leaves and shad - ows bring - ing, Come,

T Sum - mer, come, Hith - er leaves and shad - ows bring - ing, Bring - ing

B Sum - mer, come, Hith - er leaves and shad - ows bring - ing, Come,

29

S vio - lets, bring - ing Spring, Hith - er swal - low, hith - er wing.

A vio - lets, come, Spring, Hith - er swal - low, wing.

T vio - lets, bring - ing Spring, Hith - er swal - low, hith - er wing.

B vio - lets, come, vio - lets, Sum - mer come.

Swallow, Swallow, Hither Wing

S *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.* swal - low, bring - ing

A *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.* swal - low, bring - ing

T *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.* swal - low, bring - ing

B *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.* swal - low, bring - ing

36 S *mf* Spring; Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.*

A *mf* Spring; Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.*

T *mf* Spring; Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.*

B *mf* Spring; Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, *cresc.*

39 S *f* swal - low, bring - ing Spring, hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

A *f* swal - low, bring - ing Spring, hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

T *f* swal - low, bring - ing Spring, hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

B *f* - - er, bring - ing Spring, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

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Allegretto $\text{♩} = 84$

S
Swal-low, swal-low, hith - er wing, Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Come— the

A
Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Come— the

T
Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Come— the

B
Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Come— the

47
S
cel - an - dine no more Dreads the gust - y wrath of March. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

A
cel - an - dine no more Dreads the gust - y wrath of March. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

T
cel - an - dine no more Dreads the gust - y wrath of March. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

B
cel - an - dine no more Dreads the gust - y wrath of March. *cresc.* *f* *p* Swal - low,

51
S
swal - low, hith - er wing; Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Gold - en

A
swal - low, hith - er wing; Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Gold - en

T
swal - low, hith - er wing; Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Gold - en

B
swal - low, hith - er wing; Dear - est play - mate of the Spring; Gold - en

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S tas - sel'd is the birch; Em - 'rald frin - ges hath — the larch;

A tas - sel'd is the birch; Em - 'rald frin - ges the larch;

T tas - sel'd is the birch; Em - 'rald frin - ges hath — the larch;

B tas - sel'd is the birch; Em - 'rald frin - ges the larch;

$\text{♩} = 84$

mf

S Come, thou news of Sum - mer, come; Trills and hedge - row twit - 'rings bring - ing, Quiv - 'ring

A Come, thou news, Sum - mer, come; Trills and hedge - row twit - 'rings bring - ing, Quiv - 'ring

T Come, thou news of Sum - mer, come, news of Sum - mer,

B Come, thou news of Sum - mer, come, news of Sum - mer,

63

S mount - ings of the lark, — Shril - est songs the ou - zel's sing - ing; Come, thou

A mount - ings, lark, Shril - est songs, Come, thou

T come, Sum - mer, come, come, Sum - mer, sing - ing; Come,

B Sum - mer, come, Shril - est songs the ou - zel's sing - ing; Come,

Swallow, Swallow, Hither Wing

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S news of Sum - mer, come; Trills and hedge - row twit - 'rings bring - ing; Snow - ing

A Sum - mer, come; Trills and hedge - row twit - 'rings bring - ing; Snow - ing

T Sum - mer, come; Trills and hedge - row twit - 'rings bring - ing; Snow - ing

B Sum - mer, come; Trills and hedge - row twit - 'rings bring - ing; Come,

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S or - chards, flight of Spring, Hith - er, swal - low, hith - er wing.

A or - chards, flight of Spring, Hith - er, swal - low, wing.

T or - chards, flight of Spring, Hith - er, swal - low, hith - er wing.

B or - chards, come, or - chards, flight of Spring;

S *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing *cresc.*

A *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing *cresc.*

T *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing; Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing *cresc.*

B *p* Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing *cresc.*

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S Spring; Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing

A Spring; Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing

T Spring; Swal - low, swal - low, hith - er wing, Hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing

B Spring, hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring. Hith - er, bring - ing

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S Spring, hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

A Spring, hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

T Spring, hith - er, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

B Spring, swal - low, bring - ing Spring.

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