



Seven Four-part Songs

No. 1.

The Dawn of Day

Samuel Reay (1828-1905)

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5 > rit. un poco Repeat **p**

S see the pur - ple morn - ing Tinge their sum - mits far a - way.

A see the pur - ple morn - ing Tinge their sum - mits far a - way. rit. un poco Repeat **p**

T see the pur - ple morn - ing Tinge their sum - mits far a - way. rit. un poco Repeat **p**

B see the pur - ple morn - ing Tinge their sum - mits far a - way. rit. un poco Repeat **p**

S Gai - ly sounds the voice of glad - ness O'er the vale and through the grove, Not one

A Gai - ly sounds the voice of glad - ness O'er the vale and through the grove, Not one

T Gai - ly sounds the voice of glad - ness O'er the vale and through the grove, Not one

B Gai - ly sounds the voice of glad - ness O'er the vale and through the grove, Not one

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S sin - gle note of sad - ness Tells of aught but peace and love.

A sin - gle note of sad - ness Tells of aught but peace and love.

T sin - gle note of sad - ness Tells of aught but peace and love.

B sin - gle note of sad - ness Tells of aught but peace and love.

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Soprano (S) *p* Tra la la la, tra la la, tra la la la la, tra la la la la, *poco cresc.* *mf*

Alto (A) *p* Tra la la la la, tra la la la, tra la la la la, tra la la la, *poco cresc.* *mf*

Tenor (T) *p* Tra la la la la, tra la la la, tra la la la la, tra la la la, *poco cresc.* *mf*

Bass (B) *p* Tra la, tra la, *>* *poco cresc.* *mf*

Music score for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal parts sing "Tra la la la" in unison. The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include *p*, *poco cresc.*, and *mf*. Measure numbers 1-4 are implied by the vocal entries.

Soprano (S) *cresc.* la la la la, tra la la, tra la la la, tra la la la, *ff > rit.*

Alto (A) *cresc.* la la la la, tra la la, tra la la, tra la la, *f > rit.*

Tenor (T) *cresc.* la la la la, tra la la, tra la la, tra la la, *f > rit.*

Bass (B) *cresc.* la, tra la, tra la, tra la, *f > rit.*

Music score for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal parts sing "la la la la" in unison. The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include *cresc.*, *ff*, *f*, and *rit.*. Measure number 21 is indicated.

Soprano (S) *f* Come, thy foot should ne'er be wear - y, Nev - er tired thy wake - ful eye, Earth should

Alto (A) *f* Come, thy foot should ne'er be wear - y, Nev - er tired thy wake - ful eye, Earth should

Tenor (T) *f* Come, thy foot should ne'er be wear - y, Nev - er tired thy wake - ful eye, Earth should

Bass (B) *f* Come, thy foot should ne'er be wear - y, Nev - er tired thy wake - ful eye, Earth should

Music score for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "Come, thy foot should ne'er be wear - y, Nev - er tired thy wake - ful eye, Earth should". The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include *f*. Measure numbers 22-25 are implied by the vocal entries.

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S ne'er seem dark or dreary, When the morn - ing gilds the sky.
A rit. un poco Repeat p
T ne'er seem dark or dreary, When the morn - ing gilds the sky.
B rit. un poco Repeat p
ne'er seem dark or dreary, When the morn - ing gilds the sky.

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S Birds shall plume their wings be - side thee, Gai - ly war - bling o - ver head, Sun - beams
A Birds shall plume their wings be - side thee, Gai - ly war - bling o - ver head, Sun - beams
T Birds shall plume their wings be - side thee, Gai - ly war - bling o - ver head, Sun - beams
B Birds shall plume their wings be - side thee, Gai - ly war - bling o - ver head, Sun - beams

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S through the green leaves guide thee, Where thy steps may safe - ly tread.
A dim. rall.
T through the green leaves guide thee, Where thy steps may safe - ly tread.
B dim. rall.
through the green leaves guide thee, Where thy steps may safe - ly tread.

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

p Tra la la la la, tra la la la, tra la la la la la, *poco cresc.* la, *mf*

Alto (A) vocal line:

p Tra la la la la, tra la la la, *poco cresc.* la, tra la la la, *mf*

Tenor (T) vocal line:

p Tra la la la la, tra la la la, *poco cresc.* la, tra la la la, *mf*

Bass (B) vocal line:

p Tra la, *>* tra la, *>* tra la, *> poco cresc.* tra la, *>* tra la, *mf*

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S

cresc.

la la la, tra la la, tra la la, la la, tra la.

A

cresc.

la la la la, tra la la, tra la, tra la.

T

cresc.

la la la la, tra la la, tra la, tra la.

B

cresc.

la, tra la, tra la, tra la.

Soprano (S): Come, the lark has left the mead - ow, Now he soars be - yond our sight, Far a -

Alto (A): Come, the lark has left the mead - ow, Now he soars be - yond our sight, Far a -

Tenor (T): Come, the lark has left the mead - ow, Now he soars be - yond our sight, Far a -

Bass (B): Come, the lark has left the mead - ow, Now he soars be - yond our sight, Far a -

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S way from mist and shade - Sing - ing in a world of light.
A rit. un poco Repeat p
T rit. un poco Repeat p
B rit. un poco Repeat p

59

S Come and see what forms of glo - ry Spring to life in morn-ing's ray, Come and
A Come and see what forms of glo - ry Spring to life in morn-ing's ray, Come and
T Come and see what forms of glo - ry Spring to life in morn-ing's ray, Come and
B Come and see what forms of glo - ry Spring to life in morn-ing's ray, Come and

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S hear the joy - ful sto - ry Na - ture tells at dawn of day.
A dim. > rall.
T dim. > rall.
B hear the joy - ful sto - ry Na - ture tells at dawn of day.

68

Soprano (S): Tra la la la la, tra la la la, tra la la la la la, tra

Alto (A): Tra la la la la, tra la la la, tra la la la la, tra la la, tra

Tenor (T): Tra la la la la, tra la la la la, tra la la la la, tra la la, tra

Bass (B): Tra la, tra la, > tra la, > tra la, > poco cresc. tra

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S

A

T

B

Novello, Ewer and Co.
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Samuel Reay (1828-1905) was born Hexham, England. He was a chorister at Durham Cathedral and was educated at Oxford. Reay held many organist positions, but was known primarily as organist of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark-on-Trent from 1864-1901 and Schoolmaster of Newark Parish Church. He was also conductor of the Newark Philharmonic Society. He is noted for having performed the first organ arrangement of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" which he arranged. His compositions include Morning and Evening Services as well as Anthems and Part-Songs.

Come and watch the daylight dawning
O'er the mountains bleak and gray,
Come and see the purple morning
Tinge their summits far away.

Gaily sounds the voice of gladness
O'er the vale and through the grove,
Not one single note of sadness
Tells of aught but peace and love.
Tra la la la.

Come, thy foot should ne'er be weary,
Never tired thy wakeful eye,
Earth should ne'er seem dark or dreary,
When the morning gilds the sky.

Birds shall plume their wings beside thee,
Gaily warbling over head,
Sunbeams through the green leaves guide thee,
Where thy steps may safely tread.
Tra la la la.

Come, the lark has left the meadow,
Now he soars beyond our sight,
Far away from mist and shadow,
Singing in a world of light.

Come and see what forms of glory
Spring to life in morning's ray,
Come and hear the joyful story
Nature tells at dawn of day.
Tra la la la.

Anon.

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