



Song of the Woods

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Lively

S Oh, — could I in the green - wood be, Thro' all the sum - mer time, What

A Oh, — could I in the green - wood be, Thro' all the sum - mer time, What

T Oh, could I in the green - wood be, Thro' all the sum - mer time, What

B Oh, could I in the green - wood be, Thro' all the sum - mer time, What

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S pleas - ure would they give to me, Those trees in all their prime!

A pleas - ure would they give to me, Those trees in all their prime!

T pleas - ure would they give to me, Those trees in all their prime!

B pleas - ure would they give to me, Those trees in all their prime!



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S Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

A Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

T Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

B Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

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S na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

A na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

T na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

B na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

S The bran - ches beck - on me to stay Be - neath their shad - y dome, The

A The bran - ches beck - on me to stay Be - neath their shad - y dome, The

T The bran - ches beck - on me to stay Be - neath their shad - y dome, The

B The bran - ches beck - on me to stay Be - neath their shad - y dome, The

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S mead - ow flow - ers nod and say, "Come, gen - tle stran - ger, come!"

A mead - ow flow - ers nod and say, "Come, gen - tle stran - ger, come!"

T mead - ow flow - ers nod and say, "Come, gen - tle stran - ger, come!"

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T na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

B na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

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S
The birds a - wak - ened from their sleep, Are soaring high and free; The

A
The birds a - wak - ened from their sleep, Are soaring high and free; The

T
The birds a - wak - ened from their sleep, Are soaring high and free; The

B
The birds a - wak - ened from their sleep, Are soaring high and free; The

S
deer and roe with gentle step, Are springing merrily.

A
deer and roe with gentle step, Are springing merrily.

T
deer and roe with gentle step, Are springing merrily.

B
deer and roe with gentle step, Are springing merrily.

S
Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be merry, glad and free; All

A
Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be merry, glad and free; All

T
Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be merry, glad and free; All

B
Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be merry, glad and free; All

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S na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

A na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

T na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

B na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

S Young birds from ev - 'ry twig and bough, En - chant - ed with their home, Are

A Young birds from ev - 'ry twig and bough, En - chant - ed with their home, Are

T Young birds from ev - 'ry twig and bough, En - chant - ed with their home, Are

B Young birds from ev - 'ry twig and bough, En - chant - ed with their home, Are

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S sing - ing songs both loud and low, "Come to the wood - land, come!"

A sing - ing songs both loud and low, "Come to the wood - land, come!"

T sing - ing songs both loud and low, "Come to the wood - land, come!"

B sing - ing songs both loud and low, "Come to the wood - land, come!"

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S Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

A Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

T Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

B Oh, haste thee to the woods a - way! Be mer - ry, glad and free; All

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S na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

A na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

T na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

B na - ture bids thee, "come to - day," And hap - py ev - er be.

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Stephen Jesse Oslin (1858-1928) was born in Coosa County, Alabama, and grew up in Greenridge, Arkansas, where first studied music. He moved to Whitefield, Oklahoma, where he taught music and organized the first singing school. He also served as a minister in the Methodist Church South and supply minister at Canadian, Oklahoma. He organized the Eureka Normal School of Music at South McAlester, Oklahoma, founded the Eureka Publishing Company in Stigler, Oklahoma, and was editor and publisher of the *Eureka Messenger*. He died in Stigler, Oklahoma.

Oh, could I in the greenwood be,
Thro' all the summer time,
What pleasure would they give to me,
Those trees in all their prime!

*Oh, haste thee to the woods away!
Be merry, glad and free;
All nature bids thee, "come today,"
And happy ever be.*

The branches beckon me to stay
Beneath their shady dome,
The meadow flowers nod and say,
"Come, gentle stranger, come!"

The birds awakened from their sleep,
Are soaring high and free;
The deer and roe with gentle step,
Are springing merrily.

Young birds from every twig and bough,
Enchanted with their home,
Are singing songs both loud and low,
"Come to the woodland, come!"

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