



The Splendour Falls on Castle Walls

George A. Macfarren
(1813-1887)

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G. A. Macfarren

$\text{♩} = 88$

Soprano (S): The splen - dour falls ____ on cas - tle walls____ And snow - y sum - mits old in
Alto (A): The splen - dour falls ____ on cas - tle walls____ And snow - y sum - mits old in
Tenor (T): The splen - dour falls ____ on cas - tle walls____ And snow - y sum - mits old in
Bass (B): The splen - dour falls ____ on cas - tle walls____ And snow - y sum - mits old in

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Soprano (S): sto - ry: The long light shakes a - cross the
Alto (A): sto - ry: The long light shakes a - cross the
Tenor (T): sto - ry: The long light shakes a - cross the
Bass (B): sto - ry: The long light shakes a - cross the

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S *p* Blow, bu - gle, blow, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the

A *f* blow, _____, blow, _____,

T *p* Blow, bu - gle, blow, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the

B *p* Blow, bu - gle, blow, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the

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Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "wild e - - - choes fly - ing, Blow," followed by a fermata.

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: "set the wild e - - - choes fly - ing," followed by a fermata.

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: "wild e - - - choes fly - ing," followed by a fermata. The vocal part starts on G4 and ends on E5.

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: "wild e - - - choes fly - ing," followed by a fermata.

Musical markings include dynamic changes (diminuendo, piano, forte), rests, and fermatas.

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S
bu - gle; an - swer, e - choes,
A
Blow, bu - gle;
T
B

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S
Blow, bu - gle;
A
an - swer, e - choes, Blow,
T
Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes
B
Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes

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S
an - swer, e - choes,
A
bu - gle; an - swer,
T
fly - ing, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes
B
fly - ing, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes

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Soprano (S): Blow, bu - gle;
Alto (A): e - choes, Blow,
Tenor (T): fly - ing, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes
Bass (B): blow, set the wild e - choes

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Soprano (S): an - swer, e - choes,
Alto (A): bu - gle; an - swer,
Tenor (T): fly - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,
Bass (B): fly - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,

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Soprano (S): Blow,
Alto (A): e - choes, Blow,
Tenor (T): dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,
Bass (B): dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,

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Soprano (S): blow.

Alto (A):

Tenor (T): dy - ing,

Bass (B): dy - ing,

O hark, O hear! how thin and clear, And thin - ner, clear - er, far - ther

cresc.

Soprano (S): O hark, O hear! how thin and clear, And thin - ner, clear - er, far - ther

Alto (A): O hark, O hear! how thin and clear, And thin - ner, clear - er, far - ther

Tenor (T): O hark, O hear! how thin and clear, And thin - ner, clear - er, far - ther

Bass (B): O hark, O hear! how thin and clear, And thin - ner, clear - er, far - ther

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Soprano (S): going! O sweet and far from cliff and

Alto (A): going! O sweet and far from cliff and

Tenor (T): going! O sweet and far from cliff and

Bass (B): going! O sweet and far from cliff and

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S soprano: scar
A alto: The horns of Elf - land faint - ly blow - ing!
T tenor: scar
B bass: The horns of Elf - land faint - ly blow - ing!

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S soprano: Blow, let us hear, Blow, let us hear
A alto: Blow, let us hear, Blow, let us hear
T tenor: Blow, let us hear, Blow, let us hear
B bass: Blow, let us hear, Blow, let us hear

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S soprano: the pur - ple glens re -ply - ing: dim.
A alto: Blow, let us hear the glens re -ply - ing: dim.
T tenor: the pur - ple glens re -ply - ing, dim.
B bass: the pur - ple glens re -ply - ing,

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Soprano (S): Blow, bu - gle;

Alto (A): an - swer, e - choes,

Tenor (T): (empty)

Bass (B): (empty)

75

Soprano (S): (empty)

Alto (A): Blow, bu - gle;

Tenor (T): an - swer, e - choes,

Bass (B): (empty)

Soprano (S): (empty)

Alto (A): (empty)

Tenor (T): Blow, let us hear the purple

Bass (B): Blow, let us hear the purple

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Soprano (S): (empty)

Alto (A): (empty)

Tenor (T): an - swer, e - choes,

Bass (B): (empty)

Soprano (S): (empty)

Alto (A): Blow, bu - gle;

Tenor (T): glens re - ply - ing, let us hear the purple

Bass (B): glens re - ply - ing, let us hear the purple

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Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B)

Blow, bu - gle;
an - swer, e - choes,
glens re - ply - ing, let us hear the pur - ple
glens re - ply - ing, let us hear the pur - ple

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Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B)

an - swer, e - choes,
Blow, bu - gle;
glens re - ply - ing: dy - ing, dy - ing,
glens re - ply - ing: dy - ing, dy - ing,

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Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B)

Blow,
an - swer, e - choes,
dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,

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Soprano (S): blow.

Alto (A): *pp*

Tenor (T): *dy - ing,* *dy - ing.*

Bass (B): *dy - ing,* *dy - ing.*

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Soprano (S): *O love, O love, they die in yon rich*

Alto (A): *O love, O love, they die in yon rich*

Tenor (T): *O love, O love, they die in yon rich*

Bass (B): *O love, O love, they die in yon rich*

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Soprano (S): *cresc.* *sky, They faint, _____ they*

Alto (A): *cresc.* *sky, They faint _____ on hill*

Tenor (T): *cresc.* *sky, They faint, _____ they*

Bass (B): *cresc.* *sky, They faint _____ on hill*

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

A - choes roll from soul to

Alto (A) vocal line:

A - choes roll from soul to

Tenor (T) vocal line:

Our e - choes roll from soul to

Bass (B) vocal line:

Our e - choes roll from soul to

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

ev - - - er. Blow, blow, bu - gle, blow,

Alto (A) vocal line:

ev - - - er. Blow, blow, —

Tenor (T) vocal line:

ev - - - er. Blow, blow, bu - gle, blow,

Bass (B) vocal line:

ev - - - er. Blow, blow, bu - gle, blow,

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Soprano (S): Blow, bu - gle; an - swer, e - choes,
Alto (A): Blow, bu - gle;
Tenor (T):
Bass (B):

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Soprano (S): Blow, bu - gle;
Alto (A): an - swer, e - choes, Blow,
Tenor (T): Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes
Bass (B): Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes

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Soprano (S): an - swer, e - choes,
Alto (A): bu - gle; an - swer, e - choes,
Tenor (T): fly - ing, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes fly - ing,
Bass (B): fly - ing, Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes fly - ing,

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Soprano (S) *f*: Blow, bu - gle; an - swer, e - choes,

Alto (A) *pp*: Blow, bu - gle;

Tenor (T) *dim.*: Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes fly - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,

Bass (B) *dim.*: Blow, bu - gle, blow, set the wild e - choes fly - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,

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Soprano (S): Blow, _____

Alto (A) *pp*: an - swer, e - choes, Blow, _____

Tenor (T): dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,

Bass (B): dy - ing, dy - ing, dy - ing,

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Soprano (S): blow _____ bu - gle,

Alto (A): _____

Tenor (T): dy - ing, dy - ing,

Bass (B): dy - ing, dy - ing,

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Novello, Ewer and Co.
(1860-1885)

Sir George Alexander Macfarren (1813-1887) was born in London. From early youth, he suffered from poor health and weak eyesight. His eyesight continually deteriorated until he became totally blind in 1860. However, his blindness had little effect on his productivity. Macfarren began to study music when he was fourteen and, at sixteen, entered the Royal Academy of Music. Because of his eyesight, he abandoned performance and concentrated on composition. He later taught at the Academy, eventually becoming a principal. He was also appointed professor of music at Cambridge University in 1875. He was conductor at Covent Garden, London; founder the Handel Society; program note writer for the Philharmonic Society; and edited the works of Handel and Purcell. He wrote 18 operas, 13 oratorios and cantatas, 9 symphonies, and 162 songs. He was active as writer of part-songs, literature for the many amateur choirs appearing throughout the country. He was knighted in 1883 on the same day as Arthur Sullivan and George Grove. His brother Walter Macfarren (1826-1905) was a pianist, composer and professor of the Royal Academy.

The splendour falls on castle walls
And snowy summits old in story:
The long light shakes across the lakes,
And the wild cataract leaps in glory.
Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

O hark, O hear! how thin and clear,
And thinner, clearer, farther going!
O sweet and far from cliff and scar
The horns of Elf-land faintly blowing!
Blow, let us hear the purple glens replying:
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

O love, they die in yon rich sky,
They faint on hill or field or river:
Our echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow for ever and for ever.
Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
And answer, echoes, answer, dying, dying, dying.

from "The Princess"
Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

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