



Howard Kingsbury (1842-1878)





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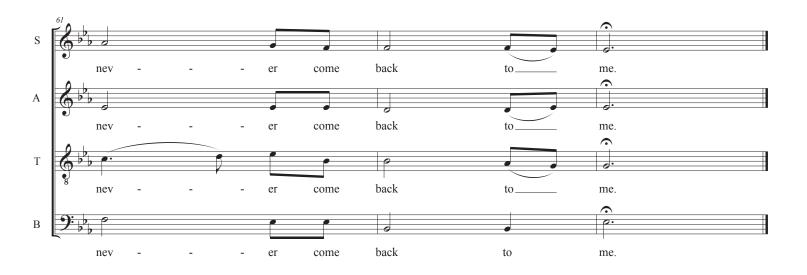
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Taintor Brothers (1874)

Howard Kingsbury (1842–1878) was born in New York City, New York, and graduated from Yale University. He became an ordained minister, serving at the Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio, and later at the Village Church in Amherst, Massachusetts. He died in Amherst. He wrote many hymns, and wrote part songs for singing schools and conventions. Some of his songs were recognized by the Sol-Fa movement and republished by John Curwen's company in England in both traditional and sol-fa notation.

Break, break, break, On thy cold gray stones, O Sea!And I would that my tongue could utter The thoughts that arise in me.O, well for the fisherman's boy,

O, well for the fisherman's boy, That he shouts with his sister at play! O, well for the sailor lad.

That he sings in his boat on the bay!

And the stately ships move on * To their haven under the hill; But O for the touch of a vanish'd hand, And the sound of a voice that is still!

Break, break At the foot of thy crags, O Sea! But the tender grace of a day that is dead Will never come back to me. **

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

* some editions of the poem reads "go on" instead of "move on." ** some editions of the poem reads "return to me" instead of "come back to me."

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