



TO THE SPRING WIND

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(1832-1887)

Eduard (Edward) Hecht (1832 - 1887) was born in Dürkheim in Haardt, Germany, and trained by his musical father in Frankfort. He moved to England 1854 and settled in Manchester. He became chorus-master & sub-conductor of the Hallé orchestra. He was a committed teacher of piano but also taught harmony & composition at Owens College. As conductor, he held positions with the Manchester Liedertafel, the St. Cecilia Choral Society and the Stretford choral society. His compositions include a symphony, cantatas and assorted choral works, piano works, songs, part-songs, trios, string quartets, and marches for military band.

I.
SWEET minstrel of the scented spring,
Ten thousand silver bells
To welcome thee, are all a-swing,
Upon the dewy fells;
To sing with thee, I should be fain,
Oh, harper blithe and free!
But love has bound me with a chain,
That wrings the heart of me.

II.
Oh, hasten to my love, and tell
Her how she makes me pine;
And ask her if she thinks it well
To slight a heart like mine;
For, if my suit her scorn doth move,
It shall no longer be;
Although I know she's made for love,
And I wish that she loved me.

Edwin Waugh (1817-1890)

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Andante tranquillo ♩ = 72

Sweet min - strel of the
Sweet min - strel of the
Sweet min - strel of the scent - ed spring, Sweet min - strel of the
Sweet min - strel of the scent - ed spring, Ten thou - sand

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scent - ed spring, Ten thou - sand sil - ver bells To wel - come thee are all a -
scent - ed spring, Ten thou - sand sil - ver bells are
scent - ed spring, Ten thou - sand sil - ver bells are
sil - ver bells To wel - come thee are



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S swing, Up - on the dew - y fells, the dew - y

A all a - swing, Up - on the dew - y,

T all a - swing, Up - on the dew - y

B all a - swing, Up - on the dew - y fells, up - on the

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S fells; To sing with thee I should be fain, Thou

A dew - y fells; To sing with thee I should be fain, Thou

T fells; To sing with thee I should be fain, Thou

B dew - y fells; To sing with thee I should be fain, Thou

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S harp - er blithe and free! But love has bound me with a

A harp - er blithe and free! But love has bound me with a

T harp - er blithe and free! But love has bound me with a

B harp - er blithe and free! But love has bound me with a

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S chain, _____ That wrings the heart, _____ the heart _____ of

A chain, That wrings _____ the heart, the heart _____ of

T chain, _____ That wrings _____ the heart, the heart _____ of

B chain, _____ That wrings the heart _____ of

dim. *p*

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S me, the heart, the heart _____ of me. _____

A me, the heart, the heart _____ of me. _____

T me, the heart, the heart _____ of me, _____ of me. _____

B me, the heart, the heart _____ of me. _____

pp

S _____ *p* O hast - en to my

A _____ *p* O hast - en to my

T *p* O hast - en to my love and tell, O hast - en to my

B *p* O hast - en to my love and tell Her _____ how she

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S love and tell _____ Her, Tell Her how she makes me pine; And ask her if she thinks it

A love and tell Her, Tell how she makes _____ me pine; _____ And

T love and tell Her, Tell how she makes _____ me pine; And

B makes me pine; And ask her if _____ she

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S well _____ To slight a heart _____ like _____ mine, a heart _____ like

A ask _____ her if _____ she thinks it well To

T ask her if she thinks To slight my

B thinks _____ it well To slight a heart _____ like _____ mine, _____ to slight a

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S mine; _____ For, if my suit her scorn doth move, It

A slight _____ my heart; _____ For, if my suit her scorn doth move, It

T heart; _____ For, if my suit her scorn doth move, It

B heart _____ like mine; For, if my suit her scorn doth move, It

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46 *fz* *dim.* *p*

S shall no lon - ger be; Al - though I know she's made for

A shall no lon - ger be; Al - though I know she's made for

T shall no lon - ger be; Al - though I know she's made for

B shall no lon - ger be; Al - though I know she's made for

50 *cresc.* *dim.* *p*

S love, And I, I wish that she loved

A love, And I, I wish that she loved

T love, And I, I wish that she loved

B love, And I, I wish she loved

54 *pp*

S me, that she, that she loved me.

A me, that she, that she loved me.

T me, that she, that she loved me, loved me.

B me, that she, that she loved me.

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