



# Welcome Spring

Henry Leslie  
(1822-1896)

**Henry David Leslie** (1822-1896) was born in London, England. He studied the cello as a youth, later playing in the Sacred Harmonic Society. In 1855, he organized an a cappella singing society. The society grew to 200 voices and became known as "Henry Leslie's Choir." The choir won numerous international competition prizes and enjoyed a strong reputation for singing unaccompanied music, both ancient and modern. He also became conductor of the Guild of Amateur Musicians. In 1864, Leslie established a National College of Music, but the college survived only two years. In 1878, Leslie and others made another attempt to form a national music school. This effort was successful, becoming the predecessor of the Royal College of Music. After he retired, he founded the Oswestry School of Music and its Festival of Village Choirs. Throughout his life, he was a champion of amateur choral musicians. He composed symphonies, oratorios, sacred works as well as chamber music, piano music and many part-songs.

Welcome, spring, with all thy flowers,  
Children fair of teeming earth;  
Welcome, sunshine; welcome, showers;  
Harbingers of Nature's birth.  
Welcome, summer days of pleasure;  
Welcome, leafy-laden trees;  
Welcome to thy skies of azure,  
And, thy balmy western breeze.

Welcome, Autumn; glad, we hail thee,  
Fruitful child, of plenty born;  
Welcome, vines that never fail thee;  
Welcome, sheaves of golden corn.  
Welcome, with thy frosty dressings,  
Winter, clad in holly green;  
Rich man's bounty, poor man's blessings,  
'Neath thy jovial smile are seen.

Seasons all, with joy we meet ye,  
As in varied course ye move;  
Gratefully 'tis ours to greet ye,  
Gifts divine of heaven-born love.  
Spring's sweet flowerets intertwining,  
Summer, with thy sunny rays;  
Autumn, winter, all combining,  
Joyful sing in nature's praise.

Joseph Samuel Lavies (1824-1888)

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from the operetta  
"Romance"  
(or "Bold Dick Turpin")

Henry Leslie

**Allegro non troppo**

S *mf* Wel - come, spring, with all thy flow-ers, Chil - dren fair of teem - ing earth;—

A *mf* Wel - come, spring, with all thy flow-ers, Chil - dren fair of teem - ing earth;—

T *mf* Wel - come, spring, with all thy flow-ers, Chil - dren fair of teem - ing earth;—

B *mf* Wel - come, spring, with all thy flow-ers, Chil - dren fair of teem - ing earth;—

5  
S Wel - come, sun - shine; wel - come, show - ers; Har - bin - gers of Na - ture's birth. —

A Wel - come, sun - shine; wel - come, show - ers; Har - bin - gers of Na - ture's birth. —

T Wel - come, sun - shine; wel - come, show - ers; Har - bin - gers of Na - ture's birth. —

B Wel - come, sun - shine; wel - come, show - ers; Har - bin - gers of Na - ture's birth. —

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9 *mf*

S Wel - come, sum - mer days of pleas - ure; Wel - come, leaf - y - la - den trees; —

A *mf* Wel - come, sum - mer days of pleas - ure; Wel - come, leaf - y - la - den trees; —

T *mf* Wel - come, sum - mer days of pleas - ure; Wel - come, leaf - y - la - den trees; —

B *mf* Wel - come, sum - mer days of pleas - ure; Wel - come, leaf - y - la - den trees;

13 *cresc.* *f* *dim.* *p*

S Wel - come to thy skies of az - ure, And, thy balm - y west - ern breeze.

A *cresc.* *f* *dim.* *p* Wel - come to thy skies of az - ure, And, thy balm - y west - ern breeze.

T *cresc.* *f* *dim.* *p* Wel - come to thy skies of az - ure, And, thy balm - y west - ern breeze.

B *cresc.* *f* *dim.* *p* Wel - come to thy skies of az - ure, And, thy balm - y west - ern breeze.

17 *mf*

S Wel - come, Au - tumn; glad, we hail thee, Fruit - ful child, of plen - ty born;

A *mf* Wel - come, Au - tumn; glad, we hail thee, Fruit - ful child, of plen - ty born;

T *mf* Wel - come, Au - tumn; glad, we hail thee, Fruit - ful child, of plen - ty born;

B *mf* Wel - come, Au - tumn; glad, we hail thee, Fruit - ful child, of plen - ty born;

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S Wel - come, vines that nev - er fail thee; Wel - come, sheaves of gold - en corn. —

A Wel - come, vines that nev - er fail thee; Wel - come, sheaves of gold - en corn. —

T Wel - come, vines that nev - er fail thee; Wel - come, sheaves of gold - en corn. —

B Wel - come, vines that nev - er fail thee; Wel - come, sheaves of gold - en corn. —

25

S Wel - come, with thy frost - y dress - ings, Win - ter, clad in hol - ly green; —

A Wel - come, with thy frost - y dress - ings, Win - ter, clad in hol - ly green; —

T Wel - come, with thy frost - y dress - ings, Win - ter, clad in hol - ly green; —

B Wel - come, with thy frost - y dress - ings, Win - ter, clad in hol - ly green;

29

S *cresc.* Rich man's boun - ty, *f* poor man's bless - ings, *dim.* 'Neath thy jo - vial smile are seen. *p*

A *cresc.* Rich man's boun - ty, *f* poor man's bless - ings, *dim.* 'Neath thy jo - vial smile are seen. *p*

T *cresc.* Rich man's boun - ty, *f* poor man's bless - ings, *dim.* 'Neath thy jo - vial smile are seen. *p*

B *cresc.* Rich man's boun - ty, *f* poor man's bless - ings, *dim.* 'Neath thy jo - vial smile are seen. *p*

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33 *mf*

S Sea - sons all, with joy we meet ye, As in var - ied course ye move;

A Sea - sons all, with joy we meet ye, As in var - ied course ye move;

T Sea - sons all, with joy we meet ye, As in var - ied course ye move;

B Sea - sons all, with joy we meet ye, As in var - ied course ye move;

37

S Grate - ful - ly 'tis ours to greet ye, Gifts di - vine of heav'n - born love. —

A Grate - ful - ly 'tis ours to greet ye, Gifts di - vine of heav'n - born love. —

T Grate - ful - ly 'tis ours to greet ye, Gifts di - vine of heav'n - born love. —

B Grate - ful - ly 'tis ours to greet ye, Gifts di - vine of heav'n - born love. —

41 *p*

S Spring's sweet flow - 'rets in - ter - twin-ing, Sum-mer, with thy sun - ny rays; —

A Spring's sweet flow - 'rets in - ter - twin-ing, Sum-mer, with thy sun - ny rays; —

T Spring's sweet flow - 'rets in - ter - twin-ing, Sum-mer, with thy sun - ny rays; —

B Spring's sweet flow - 'rets in - ter - twin-ing, Sum-mer, with thy sun - ny

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45 *cresc.* *cresc.*

S Au - tumn, win - ter, all com - bin - ing, Au - tumn, win - ter, all com - bin - ing,

A *cresc.* *cresc.*

Au - tumn, win - ter, all com - bin - ing, all com - bin - ing,

T *cresc.* *cresc.*

Au - tumn, win - ter, all com - bin - ing, Au - tumn, win - ter, all com - bin - ing,

B *cresc.*

rays; Au - tumn, win - ter, all com - bin - ing,

49 *f.* *rit.* Na - - - ture's

S Joy - ful, joy - ful sing in Na - - - ture's praise.

A *f.* *rit.*

Joy - ful, joy - ful sing in Na - ture's praise.

T *f.* *rit.*

Joy - ful, joy - ful sing in Na - - - ture's praise.

B *f.* *rit.*

Joy - ful, joy - ful sing in Na - - - ture's praise.

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