



# **Come and Go a-May-ing**

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**(1847-1929)**

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Come and go a-Maying  
O'er the meadow straying,  
Where the little birds are singing happily all around.  
Straying by the fountain,  
O'er the glen and mountain,  
While the sparkling dewdrops deck the velvet covered ground.

*Let us away,  
Happy today,  
Voices ringing,  
Gladness bringing,  
Onward we go,  
No sorrow know,  
But happy as the bird that warbles all day long.*

When the lengthening shadows  
Steal across the meadows,  
We will gladly seek our pleasant homes to rest once more.  
And although we're weary,  
We will not be dreary,  
Thinking of the many scenes we never saw before.

Anon.

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S  
Come and go a - May - ing O'er the mead - ow stray - ing,

A  
Come and go a - May - ing O'er the mead - ow stray - ing,

T  
Come, come, O'er the mead - ow stray - ing,

B  
Come, come, O'er the mead - ow stray - ing,

S  
Where the lit - tle birds are sing - ing hap - p'ly all a - round.

A  
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T  
Where the lit - tle birds are sing - ing hap - p'ly all a - round.

B  
sing - ing hap - p'ly all a - round. —



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S Stray - ing by the foun - tain, O'er the glen and moun - tain,

A Stray - ing by the foun - tain, O'er the glen and moun - tain,

T Come, come, O'er the glen and moun - tain,

B Come, come, O'er the glen and moun - tain,

7

S While the spark - ling dew - drops deck the vel - vet cov - ered ground.

A While the spark - ling dew - drops deck the vel - vet cov - ered ground.

T While the spark - ling dew - drops deck the vel - vet cov - ered ground.

B vel - vet cov - ered ground.

9

S Let us a - way, Hap - py to - day,

A Let us a - way, Hap - py to - day,

T Let us a - way, Hap - py to - day,

B Let us a - way, a - way, All hearts are hap - py to - day,

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11

S Voic - es ring - ing, ring - ing, Glad - ness, glad - ness bring - ing,

A Voic - es ring - ing, ring - ing, Glad - ness, glad - ness bring - ing,

T Voic - es ring - ing, ring - ing, Glad - ness, glad - ness bring - ing,

B Voic - es ring - ing, ring - ing, Glad - ness, glad - ness bring - ing,

13

S On - ward we go, No sor - row know, But

A On - ward we go, No sor - row know, But

T On - ward we go, No sor - row know, But

B On - ward, yes, on we go, Sor - row nor sad - ness know, But

15

S hap - py as the bird that war - bles all day long.

A hap - py as the bird that war - bles all day long.

T hap - py as the bird that war - bles all day long.

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A Come and go a - may - ing O'er the mead - ow stray - ing,

T Come, come, O'er the mead - ow stray - ing,

B Come, come, O'er the mead - ow stray - ing,

19

S Where the lit - tle birds are sing - ing hap - p'ly all a - round.

A Where the lit - tle birds are sing - ing hap - p'ly all a - round.

T Where the lit - tle birds are sing - ing hap - p'ly all a - round.

B sing - ing hap - p'ly all a - round. —

21

S Stray - ing by the foun - tain, O'er the glen and moun - tain,

A Stray - ing by the foun - tain, O'er the glen and moun - tain,

T Come, come, O'er the glen and moun - tain,

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B vel - vet cov - ered ground.

25

S When the length - 'ning shad - ows Steal a - cross the mead - ows,

A When the length - 'ning shad - ows Steal a - cross the mead - ows,

T Come, come, Steal a - cross the mead - ows,

B Come, come, Steal a - cross the mead - ows,

27

S We will glad - ly seek our pleas - ant homes to rest once more.

A We will glad - ly seek our pleas - ant homes to rest once more.

T We will glad - ly seek our pleas - ant homes to rest once more.

B pleas - ant homes to rest once more. —

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29

S And al - though we're wear - y, We will not be drear - y,

A And al - though we're wear - y, We will not be drear - y,

T Come, come, We will not be drear - y,

B Come, come, We will not be drear - y,

31

S Think - ing of the ma - ny scenes we nev - er saw be - fore.

A Think - ing of the ma - ny scenes we nev - er saw be - fore.

T Think - ing of the ma - ny scenes we nev - er saw be - fore.

B nev - er saw be - fore.

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B nev - er saw be - fore.

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