



Summer longings

**Henry Hiles
(1826-1904)**

Henry Hiles (1826-1904) was born in Shrewsbury, the youngest of six boys. He began studying the piano at the age of 4 and the organ a few years later. At age 13 he deputized at several churches in Shrewsbury and, at 18, was appointed organist at the Parish Church of Bury, near Manchester. In 1851, he struck out to Australia with the gold rush. He noted in a 1900 interview for *The Musical Times* that, in those Colonial days, “You had to fire off a revolver every night to show your neighbour that you possessed fire arms.” He spent £150 to find three ounces of gold and returned to England in 1857. He became organist at St. Michael Wood Street, London, but soon went to Manchester as organist at Henshaw’s Blind Asylum and St. Thomas Church, Old Trafford. He studied at Oxford where he earned a Bachelor and Doctor of Music degrees. He was editor and owner *The Quarterly Musical Review* from 1885-1888 and founded the *Society of Professional Musicians*. He taught at the Royal Manchester College of Music (University of Manchester) and was conductor of many important choral societies– at Knutsford, Blackburn, Preston, Warrington, and Manchester. He composed an oratorio, an operetta, some cantatas, piano pieces and many songs and part-songs.

Ah! my heart is weary, waiting,
Waiting for the May!

Waiting for the pleasant rambles,
Where the fragrant hawthorn brambles,
With the woodbine alternating,
Scent the dewy, dewy way.

My heart is faint with longing,
Longing for the May!

Longing to escape from study
To the young face, fair and ruddy,
And the thousand charms belonging
To the summer, summer day.

Dejected, sad, and weary,
Waiting for the May!

Spring goes by, with wasted warnings,
Moonlit evenings, sun-bright mornings!
Summer comes! yet, dark and dreary,
Life still ebbs, still ebbs away.

Man is ever weary,
Waiting for the May!

Denis Florence MacCarthy (1817–1882)

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Andante ♩ = 72

S *p* Ah! my heart is wea - ry, wait - ing, *pp* Wait - ing for the

A *pp* Wait - ing for the

T *pp* Wait - ing for the

B *pp* Wait - ing for the

⁴ S *p* May! my heart is wea - ry, wait - ing, *mf* *cresc.* Wait - ing for the

A *mf* *cresc.* Wait - ing for the

T *mf* *cresc.* Wait - ing for the

B *mf* *cresc.* Wait - ing for the

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f *pp* *a poco rall.*

S May! My heart is wea - ry, wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May!

A May! Wait - ing for the May!

T May! My heart is wea - ry, wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May!

B May! Wait - ing for the May!

Spiritoso ♩ = 84

f *p*

S Wait - ing for the plea - sant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn

A Wait - ing for the plea - sant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn

T Wait - ing for the plea - sant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn

B Wait - ing for the plea - sant ram - bles, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn

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f *p*

S bram - bles, With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y, dew - y

A bram - bles, With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y, dew - y

T bram - bles, With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y, dew - y

B bram - bles, With the wood - bine al - ter - nat - ing, Scent the dew - y, dew - y

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18 *a poco rall.*

S way, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles Scent the dew - y, dew - y

A way, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles Scent the dew - y, dew - y

T way, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles Scent the dew - y, dew - y

B way, Where the fra - grant haw - thorn bram - bles Scent the dew - y, dew - y

22 *Allegretto* ♩ = 69 *p legato*

S way. Ah! my heart _____ is wea - ry, Wait - ing

A way. Wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

T way, scent the way. Wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

B way, scent the way. Wea - ry, Wea - ry,

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S for _____ the May! Ah! my heart _____ is

A Wait - ing for the May! Wea - ry, Wait - ing

T Wait - ing for the May! for the May! Wea - ry, Wait - ing

B Wait - ing for _____ the May! Wea - ry,

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28 *a poco rall.* *a poco meno mosso*

S wea - ry, Wait - ing for _____ the May!

A for the May! Wait - ing for the May!

T for the May! Wait - ing for the May!

B Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for _____ the

31 *rinf.* *rit.*

S Wait - ing for _____ the May! Wait - ing for _____ the

A Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for the

T Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for the

B May! _____ for the May! Wait - ing for _____ the May! _____ for the

34 *Tempo primo* *p* *pp*

S May! My heart is faint with long - ing, Long - ing for the

A May! Long - ing for the

T May! Long - ing for the

B May! Long - ing for the

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p *mf* *cresc.*

S May! my heart is faint with long - ing, Long - ing for the

A May! Long - ing for the

T May! Long - ing for the

B May! Long - ing for the

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f *pp* *a poco rall.*

S May! my heart is faint with long - ing, Long - ing for the May!

A May! Long - ing for the May!

T May! my heart is faint with long - ing, Long - ing for the May!

B May! Long - ing for the May!

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Spiritoso ♩ = 84 *f*

S Long - ing to es - cape from stu - dy To the young face, fair and

A Long - ing to es - cape from stu - dy To the young face, fair and

T Long - ing to es - cape from stu - dy To the young face, fair and

B Long - ing to es - cape from stu - dy To the young face, fair and

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S rud - dy, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

A rud - dy, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

T rud - dy, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

B rud - dy, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

52 *a poco rall.*

S day, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

A day, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

T day, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

B day, And the thou - sand charms be - long - ing To the sum - mer, sum - mer

56 *Allegretto* ♩ = 69 *p legato*

S day. Ah! my heart _____ is wea - ry, Wait - ing

A day. Wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

T day, sum - mer day. Wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

B day, sum - mer day. Wea - ry, Wea - ry,

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S for _____ the May! Ah! my heart _____ is

A Wait - ing for the May! Wea - ry, Wait - ing

T Wait - ing for the May! for the May! Wea - ry, Wait - ing

B Wait - ing for _____ the May! Wea - ry,

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S wea - ry, Wait - ing for _____ the May!

A for the May! Wait - ing for the May!

T for the May! Wait - ing for the May!

B Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ting for _____ the

a poco rall. *a poco meno mosso*

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S Wait - ting for _____ the May! Wait - ing for _____ the

A Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for the

T Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for the

B May! _____ for the May! Wait - ing for _____ the May! _____ for the

f rinf. *rit.* *f* *rit.* *rit.* *rit.*

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68 *Tempo primo*

S May! De - ject - ed, sad, and wea - ry, Wait - ing for the

A May! Wait - ing for the

T May! Wait - ing for the

B May! Wait - ing for the

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S May! De - ject - ed, sad, and wea - ry, Wait - ing for the

A May! Wait - ing for the

T May! Wait - ing for the

B May! Wait - ing for the

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S May! De - ject - ed, sad, and wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

A May! Wait - ing for the May!

T May! De - ject - ed, sad, and wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

B May! Wait - ing for the May!

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Spiritoso ♩ = 84

S *f* Spring goes by, with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - lit

A *f* Spring goes by, with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - lit

T *f* Spring goes by, with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - lit

B *f* Spring goes by, with wast - ed warn - ings, Moon - lit

80 S *f* ev' - nings, sun - bright morn - ings! Sum - mer comes! yet, dark and

A *f* ev' - nings, sun - bright morn - ings! Sum - mer comes! yet, dark and

T *f* ev' - nings, sun - bright morn - ings! Sum - mer comes! yet, dark and

B *f* ev' - nings, sun - bright morn - ings! Sum - mer comes! yet, dark and

83 S *p* drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a - way, *f* Sum - mer

A *p* drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a - way, *f* Sum - mer

T *p* drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a - way, *f* Sum - mer

B *p* drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a - way, *f* Sum - mer

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S comes! yet, dark and drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a -

A comes! yet, dark and drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a -

T comes! yet, dark and drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a -

B comes! yet, dark and drea - ry, Life still ebbs, still ebbs a -

p *a poco rall.*

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Allegretto ♩ = 69

S way, Man is e - - - ver wea - ry, Wait - ing

A way, Wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

T way, ebbs a - way, Wea - ry, Wait - ing for the May!

B way, ebbs a - way, Man is e - - - ver

p *legato*

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S for _____ the May! Man is e - - - ver

A Wait - ing for the May! Wea - ry, Wait - ing

T Wait - ing for the May! for the May! Wea - ry, Wait - ing

B Wait - ing for _____ the May! e - - - ver

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95 *a poco rall.* *a poco meno mosso e rinf.*

S wea - ry, Wait - ing for _____ the May!

A for the May! Wait - ing for the May!

T for the May! Wait - ing for the May!

B Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for _____ the

98 *rit.*

S Wait - ing for _____ the May! Wait - ing for _____ the

A Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for the

T Wait - ing for the May! Wait - ing for the

B May! _____ for the May! Wait - ing for _____ the May! _____ for the

101 *Tempo primo*

S May! Is ev - er wea - ry, wait - ing, Wait - ing for the

A May! Wait - ing for the

T May! Wait - ing for the

B May! Wait - ing for the

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rit. e rinf.

S May! Wait - ing for the May!

A May! Wait - ing for the May!

T May! Is ev - er wea - ry, wait - ing, Wait - ing for the May!

B May! Wait - ing for the May!

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