



Henry Ceslie (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.

On Richmond Hill there lives a lass More bright than May-day morn, Whose charms all other maids' surpass A rose without a thorn.

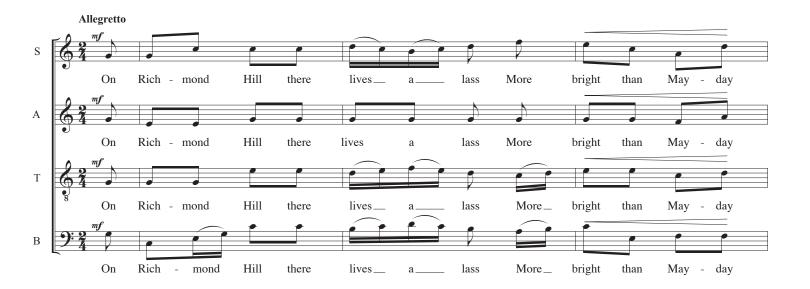
This lass so neat,
With smiles so sweet
Has won my right good will,
I'd crowns resign
To call her mine,
Sweet lass of Richmond Hill.

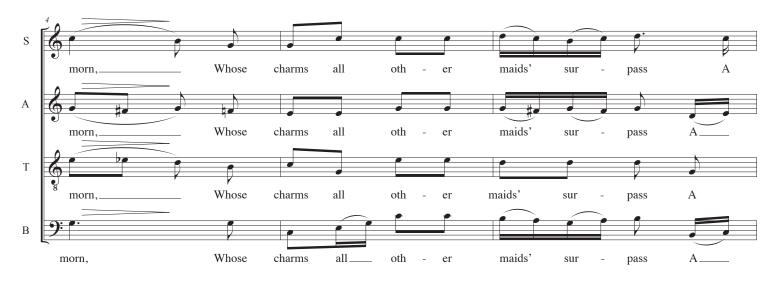
Ye zephyrs gay that fan the air And wanton thro' the grove, O whisper to my charming fair, "I die for her I love."

How happy will the shepherd be, Who calls this nymph his own, O may her choice be fixed on me, Mine's fixed on her alone.

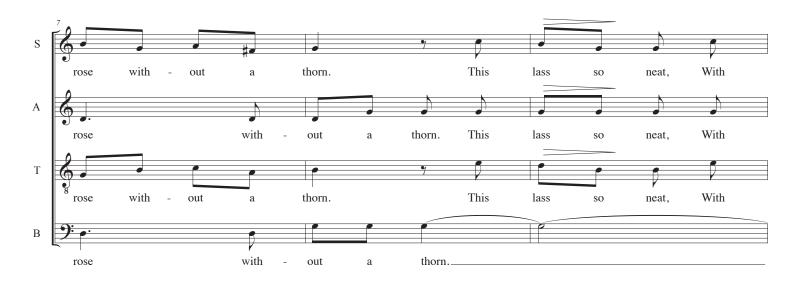
Leonard McNally (1752-1820)

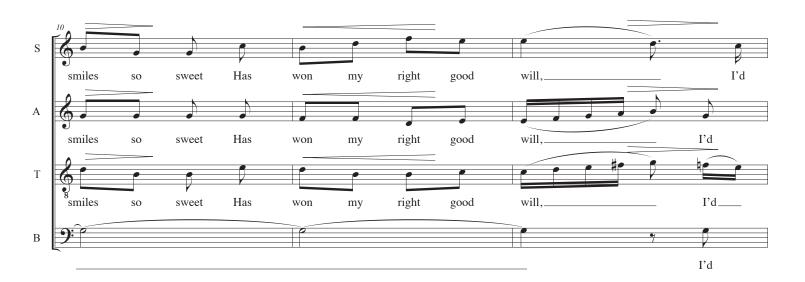
Henry Leslie tune composed by James Hook (1746-1827)

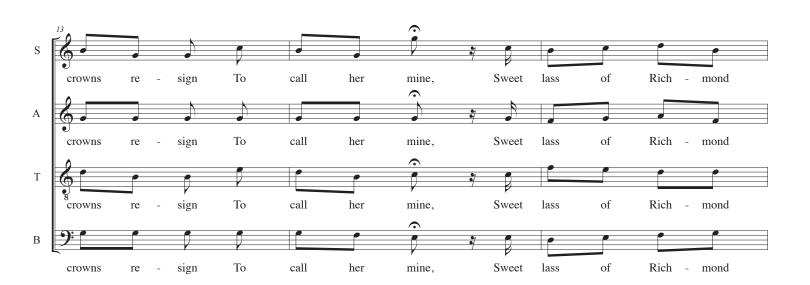


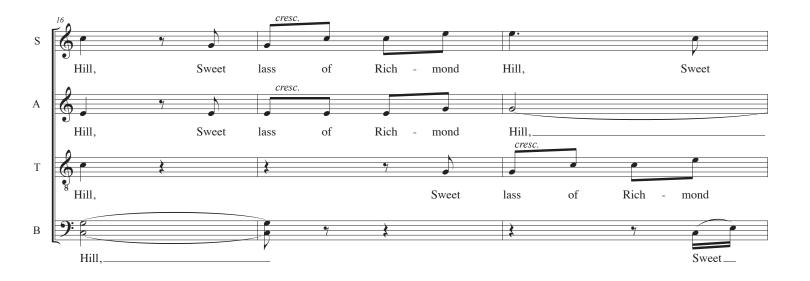


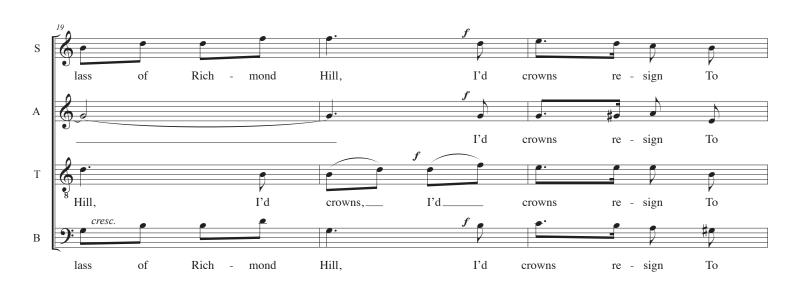


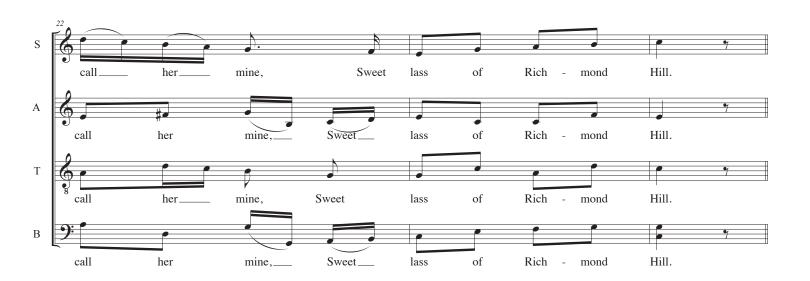


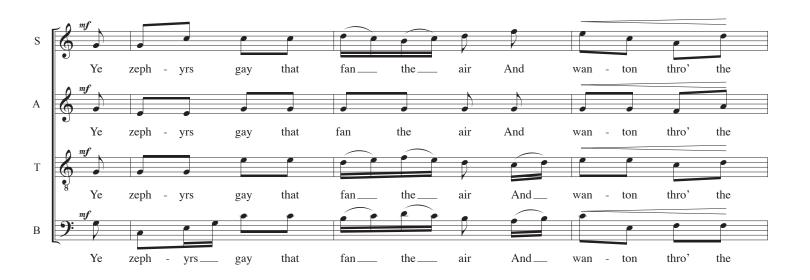


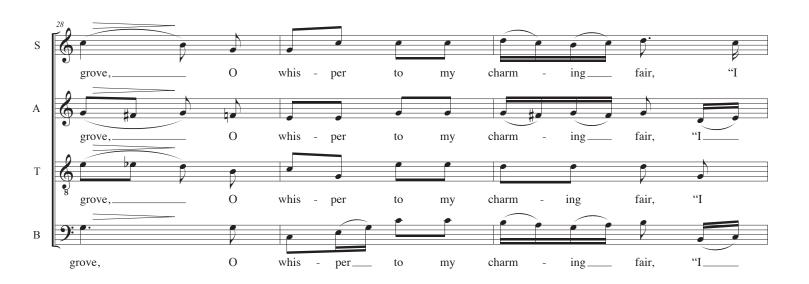


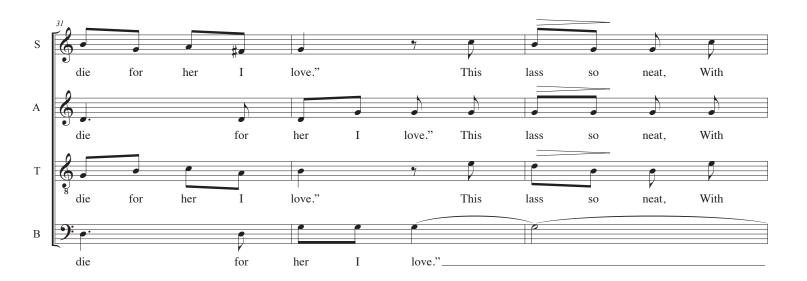


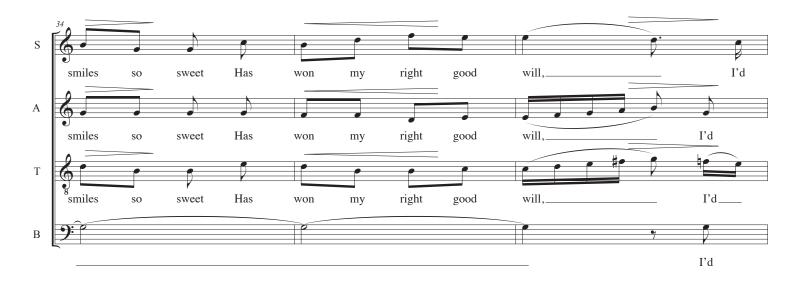


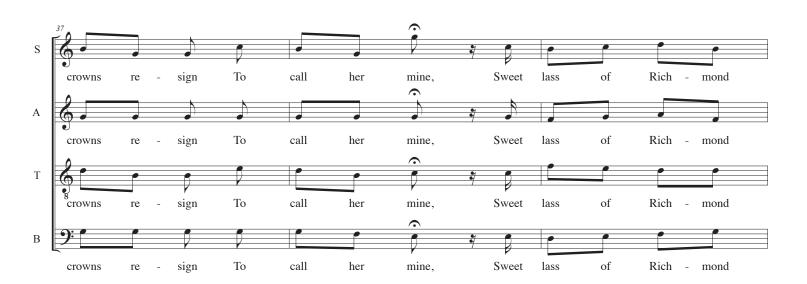


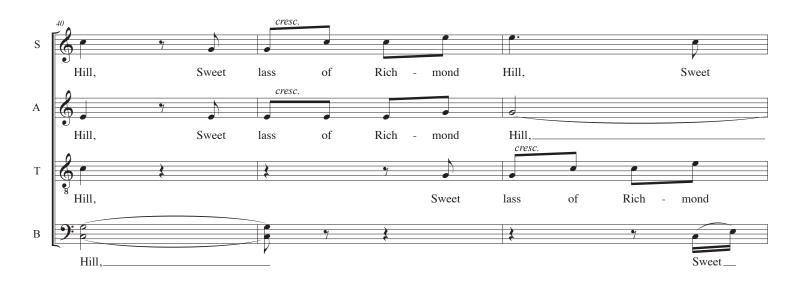


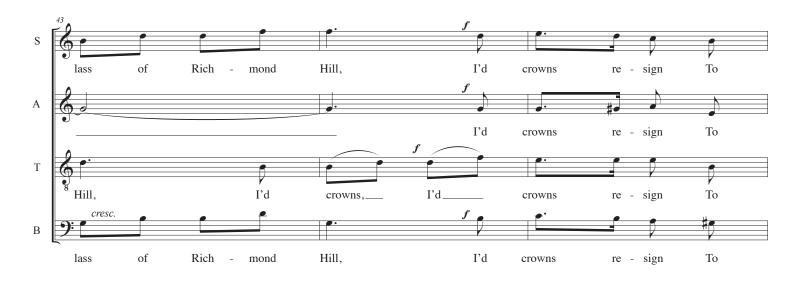


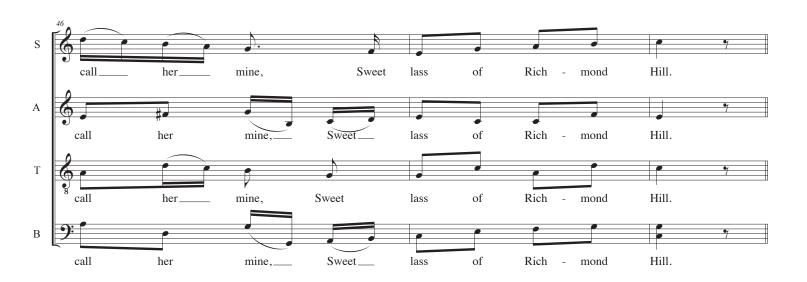


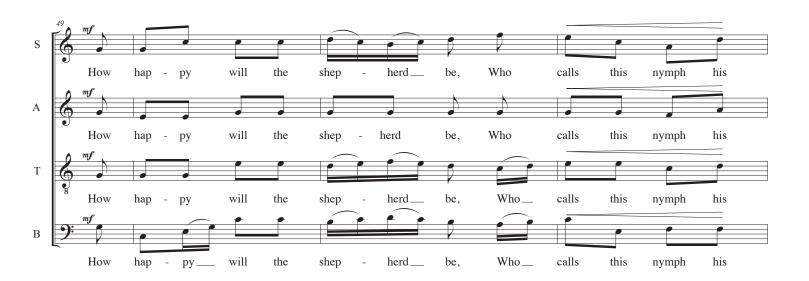


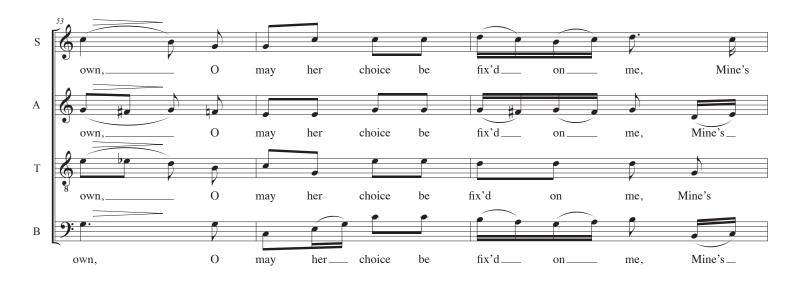


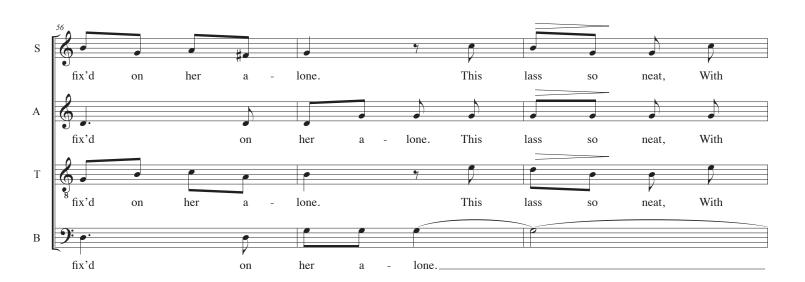


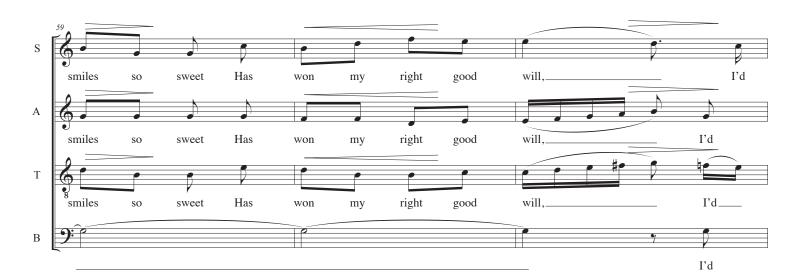


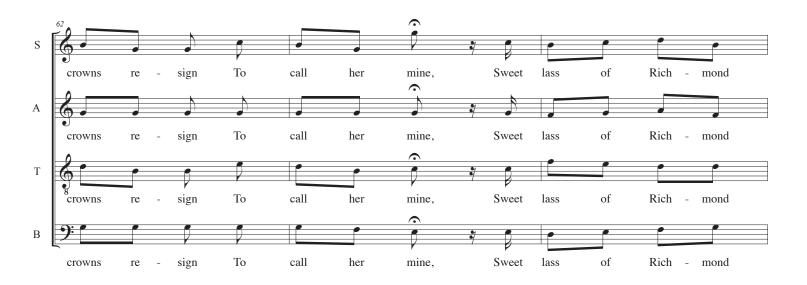


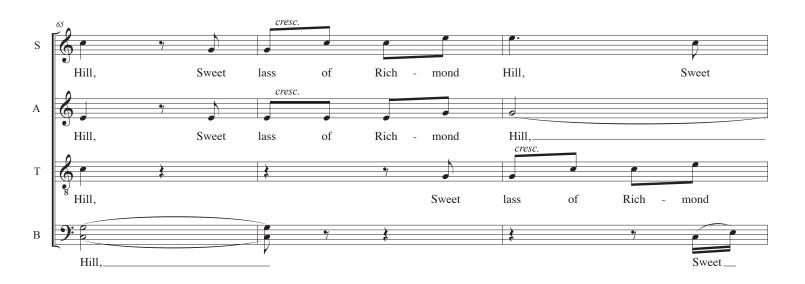


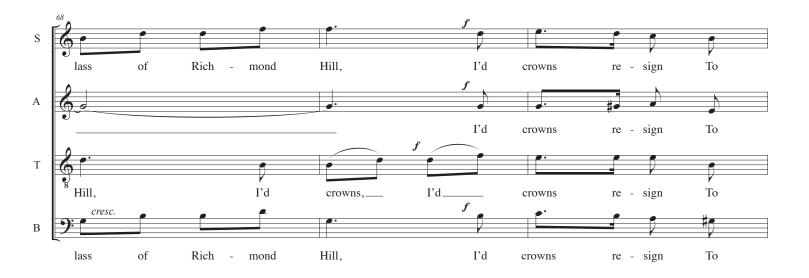


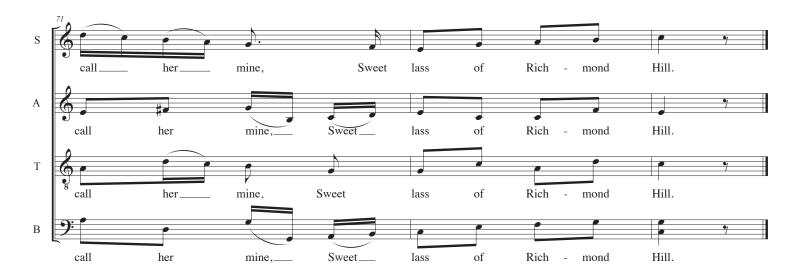












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