



# **The Sky-lark**

**William F. Sudds  
(1843-1920)**

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*Allegretto con moto*

S *p* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy

A *p* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy

T *p* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy

B *p* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy

S <sup>3</sup> ma - tin o'er moor - land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, *cresc.* Blest be thy

A ma - tin o'er moor land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, *cresc.* Blest be thy

T ma - tin o'er moor - land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, *cresc.* Blest be thy

B ma - tin o'er moor - land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, *cresc.* Blest be thy

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S dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee! Wild — is thy

A dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee! Wild — is thy

T dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee! Wild — is thy

B dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee! Wild — is thy

*rall.* *a tempo* *f*

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S lay and loud, Far — in the down - y cloud, Love gives it

A lay and loud, Far — in the down - y cloud, Love gives it

T lay and loud, Far — in the down - y cloud, Love gives it

B lay and loud, Far — in the down - y cloud, Love gives it

*p* *mf*

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S en - er - gy, Love gave it

A en - er - gy, Love gave it

T en - er - gy, Love gave it birth, — gave it

B en - er - gy, Love gave it

*rall.* *p*

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S birth. Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy

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T birth. Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy

B birth. Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy

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S ma - tin o'er moor-land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, Blest be thy

A ma - tin o'er moor land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, Blest be thy

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S dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee!

A dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee!

T dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee!

B dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee!

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Tempo 1

S *p* O'er fell and foun - tain sheen, O'er moor and moun - tain green, O'er the red

A *p* O'er fell and foun - tain sheen, O'er moor and moun - tain green, O'er the red

T *p* O'er fell and foun - tain sheen, O'er moor and moun - tain green, O'er the red

B *p* O'er fell and foun - tain sheen, O'er moor and moun - tain green, O'er the red

27 S *cresc.* stream - er that her - alds the day, O - ver the cloud - let dim, O - ver the

A *cresc.* stream - er that her - alds the day, O - ver the cloud - let dim, O - ver the

T *cresc.* stream - er that her - alds the day, O - ver the cloud - let dim, O - ver the

B *cresc.* stream - er that her - alds the day, O - ver the cloud - let dim, O - ver the

30 S *rall.* rain - bow's rim, Mu - si - cal cher - ub, *p* soar, sing - ing a - way! Then, when the

A *rall.* rain - bow's rim, Mu - si - cal cher - ub, *p* soar, sing - ing a - way! Then, when the

T *rall.* rain - bow's rim, Mu - si - cal cher - ub, *p* soar, sing - ing a - way! Then, when the

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S gloam - ing comes, Low \_\_\_\_\_ in the heath - er blooms Sweet will thy wel - come, thy

A gloam - ing comes, Low \_\_\_\_\_ in the heath - er blooms Sweet will thy wel - come, thy

T gloam - ing comes, Low \_\_\_\_\_ in the heath - er blooms Sweet will thy wel - come, thy

B gloam - ing comes, Low \_\_\_\_\_ in the heath - er blooms Sweet will thy wel - come, thy

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S wel - come be, \_\_\_\_\_ *rall. p* sweet thy wel - come

A wel - come be, \_\_\_\_\_ *rall. p* sweet thy wel - come

T wel - come be, \_\_\_\_\_ *p rall.* sweet thy wel - come be, \_\_\_\_\_ thy wel - come

B wel - come be, \_\_\_\_\_ *rall. p* sweet thy wel - come

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S be! \_\_\_\_\_ *p a tempo* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and

A be! \_\_\_\_\_ *p a tempo* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and

T be! \_\_\_\_\_ *p a tempo* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and

B be! \_\_\_\_\_ *p a tempo* Bird of the wil - der - ness, Blithe - some and

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S cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy ma - tin o'er moor - land and

A cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy ma - tin o'er moor -

T cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy ma - tin o'er moor -

B cum - ber - less, Sweet be thy ma - tin o'er moor - land and

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S lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, Blest be thy

A land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, Blest be thy

T land and lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, Blest be thy

B lea! Em - blem of hap - pi - ness, Blest be thy

*cresc.*

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A dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee!

T dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee!

B dwell - ing place— Oh! to a - bide in the de - sert with thee!

*p rall.*

**William F. Sudds** (1843-1920) was born in London, England. When he was seven, the family moved across the Atlantic and settled on a farm in Gouverneur, New York. By age fifteen, he had taught himself the violin, cello, guitar and cornet. He also took advantage of an offer to use a friend's piano, although it meant a three-mile walk after his day's work. Enlisting in the Civil War, he was ordered to report as a musician and eventually became a bandmaster. He arranged and composed many pieces for the band. During the later part of the war, he took his first piano lessons from a French woman in New Orleans. After the war, he trained at the Boston Conservatory of Music. He returned to Gouverneur and established himself as a teacher, composer and music publisher. He directed choruses and orchestras for local events and was the director of the Choral Union of Gouverneur. His compositions include orchestral works, pieces for piano, church music, songs and part-songs. He published many method books and instructional collections including the "Modern Method for the Reed Organ." His music and writings gained great recognition throughout the country. That popularity was manifest by the appearance of a riddle in the "Youth's Companion" magazine: "What composer is found in every washtub?"

Bird of the wilderness,  
Blithesome and cumberless,  
Sweet be thy matin o'er moorland and lea!  
Emblem of happiness,  
Blest is thy dwelling-place —  
Oh to abide in the desert with thee!

Wild is thy lay and loud,  
Far in the downy cloud,  
Love gives it energy, love gave it birth.  
Where, on thy dewy wing,  
Where art thou journeying?  
Thy lay is in heaven, thy love is on earth.

O'er fell and fountain sheen,  
O'er moor and mountain green,  
O'er the red streamer that heralds the day,  
Over the cloudlet dim,  
Over the rainbow's rim,  
Musical cherub, soar, singing, away!

Then, when the gloaming comes,  
Low in the heather blooms  
Sweet will thy welcome and bed of love be!  
Emblem of happiness,  
Blest is thy dwelling-place —  
O to abide in the desert with thee!

James Hogg (1770-1835)

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