



The Babbling Brook

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(1858-1931)**

Peter Christian Lutkin (1858-1931) was born in Thompsonville, Wisconsin. Son of Danish immigrants, he attended Chicago public schools and was a chorister and organist at St. Peter and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He began music training and studied organ and piano at age 13 and became a piano instructor in the Conservatory of Music at Northwestern University at age 21. He studied in Berlin and was admitted to the Royal Academy of Arts. He returned to Chicago to serve as organist and choirmaster, first at St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church and later at St. James Episcopal Church. He also served on the faculty of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He was a widely respected organist and helped found the American Guild of Organists. He returned to Northwestern University and became the first dean of the newly established Conservatory of Music. He founded the Women's Cecilian Choir, the Men's Glee Club, and the A Cappella Choir, the first a cappella choir in the U.S. It became the prototype for collegiate choirs even to the present. He became a national spokesperson for a cappella singing and advocated the merits of unaccompanied singing and a cappella choral repertoire. He composed a number of choral works and is best remembered for "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

'Twas in the month o' Maying that a man and maid went straying
 Blooming fields and meadows green a-through.
But what the man was saying, or the pretty maid betraying,
 Why, the simple smiling meadows never knew!

Down woodland ways enchanted and through flower-brake bird-haunted,
 Where the leaves in gossip whispered low,
The man and maid went faring, but the vows the two were swearing,
 Why, the green and silly leaflets did not know!

And still the hour of gloaming found the happy pair a-roaming
 By the water-ways in valleys sweet,
Where a brooklet wise and wily wound about their pathway slyly,
 With a song of murmured music at their feet.

And aye that brooklet listened, and its waters glanced and glistened,
 Till it laughed aloud in gurgling glee,
As it hurried over highways, through the hedges and the by-ways,
 On its way to tell a secret to the sea!

Deem not a word of warning meet for man or maiden's scorning,
 Who from morn to eve a-Maying go;
For brooklets can discover all the words and ways of lover,
 And will babble every secret that they know!

Julia Zitella Cocke (1840-1929)

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P. C. Lutkin

Allegretto ♩ = 84

S *mp* 'Twas in the month o' May - ing that a

A *mp* 'Twas in the month o' May - ing that a

T *mp* 'Twas in the month o' May - ing that a

B *mp* 'Twas in the month o' May - ing that a

S ³ man and maid went stray - ing Bloom - ing fields and mead - ows

A man and maid went stray - ing Bloom - ing fields

T ³ man and maid went stray - ing Bloom - ing fields and mead - ows

B man and maid went stray - ing

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S green, Bloom - ing fields — and mead - ows green a -

A and mead - ows green, Bloom - ing fields and mead - ows green a -

T green, Bloom - ing fields and mead - ows green a -

B Bloom - ing fields and mead - ows green a -

9

S through. or the pret - ty maid be -

A through. But what the man was say - ing, or the maid be -

T through. or the maid be -

B through. But what the man was say - ing, or the pret - ty maid be -

13

S tray - ing, Why, the sim - ple smil - ing mead - ows nev - er knew, the smil - ing mead - ow

A tray - ing, Why, the sim - ple smil - ing mead - ows

T tray - ing, Why, the sim - ple smil - ing mead - ows nev - er knew,

B tray - ing, Why, the sim - ple smil - ing mead - ows nev - er

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S
nev - er, nev - er, nev - er, nev - er knew, nev - er, nev - er knew!

A
nev - - - er knew, nev - er, nev - er knew!

T
nev - er, nev - er, nev - er, nev - er knew, nev - er knew, nev - er knew!

B
knew, nev - er knew, nev - er knew!

poco rit.

S
Down wood - land ways en - chant - ed and thro' flow - er - brake bird -

A
Down wood - land ways en - chant - ed and thro' flow - er - brake bird -

T
Down wood - land ways en - chant - ed and thro' flow - er - brake bird -

B
Down wood - land ways en - chant - ed and thro' flow - er - brake bird -

mp

23

S
haunt - ed, Where the leaves in gos - sip low, where the

A
haunt - ed, Where the leaves in gos - sip low, where the

T
haunt - ed, Where the leaves in gos - sip low, where the

B
haunt - ed, Where the

p *mf*

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S leaves in gos - sip whis - per'd low, but the

A leaves in gos - sip whis - per'd low, The man and maid went far - ing, but the

T leaves in gos - sip whis - per'd low, but the

B leaves in gos - sip whis - per'd low, The man and maid went far - ing, but the

31

S vows the two were swear - ing, Why, the green and sil - ly leaf - lets did not

A vows were swear - ing, Why, the green and

T vows were swear - ing, Why, the green and sil - ly

B vows the two were swear - ing, Why, the

34

S know, the green and sil - ly, sil - ly, sil - ly leaf-lets did not know, did not, did not know!

A sil - ly leaf - lets did not know, did not, did not know!

T leaf - lets did not know, the sil - ly, sil - ly leaf-lets did not know, did not know, did not know!

B green and sil - ly leaf - lets did not know, did not know, did not know!

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A little slower

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pp

S And still the hour of gloam - ing found the hap - py pair a - roam - ing By the

A And still the hour of gloam - ing found the hap - py pair a - roam - ing By the

T *pp* And still the hour of gloam - ing found the hap - py pair a - roam - ing By the

B *pp* And still the hour of gloam - ing found the hap - py pair a - roam - ing By the

44

S wa - ter - ways in val - leys sweet, Where a brook - let wise and

A wa - ter - ways in val - leys sweet, Where a brook - let wise and

T wa - ter - ways in val - leys sweet, Where a brook - let wise and

B wa - ter - ways in val - leys sweet, Where a brook - let wise and

48

S wil - y wound a - bout their path - way sly - ly, With a song _____

A wil - y wound a - bout their path - way sly - ly, With a song of mur - mured

T wil - y wound a - bout their path - way sly - ly, With a song _____

B wil - y wound a - bout their path - way sly - ly, With a song of mur - mured

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S — of mur - mured mu - - - sic at their feet. And

A mu - sic, mur - mured mu - sic at their feet. And

T — of mur - mured mu - - - sic at their feet. And

B mu - sic, mur - mured mu - sic at their feet. And

mf

Tempo 1

56

S aye that brook - let lis - ten'd, and its wa - ters glanced and glis - ten'd, Till it

A aye that brook - let — lis - ten'd, and its wa - ters glanced and glis - ten'd,

T aye that brook - let lis - ten'd, and its wa - ters glanced and glis - ten'd, Till it

B aye that brook - let lis - ten'd, and its wa - ters glanced and glis - ten'd,

60

S laughed — in gur-gling glee, Till it laughed a - loud in gur - gling

A Till it laughed in gur-gling glee, Till it laughed a - loud in gur - gling

T laughed — in gur-gling glee, Till it laughed a - loud in gur - gling

B Till it laughed a - loud in gur - gling

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64 *poco accel.*

S glee, thro' the

A glee, As it hur - ried o - ver high - ways, thro' the

T glee, thro' the

B glee, As it hur - ried o - ver high - ways, thro' the

67

S hedg - es and the by - ways, On its way to tell a se - cret to the

A hedg - es and the by - ways, On its way to

T hedg - es and the by - ways, On its way to tell a

B hedg - es and the by - ways, On its

70

S sea, the sea, on its way to tell a se - cret to the sea!

A tell a se - cret to the sea, the sea!

T se - - - cret, on its way to tell a se - cret to the sea!

B way to tell a se - cret to the sea, the sea!

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A little slower

73 *mf*

S Deem not a word of warn - ing meet for man or maid - en's scorn - ing, Who from

A Deem not a word of warn - ing meet for man or maid - en's scorn - ing, Who from

T Deem not a word of warn - ing meet for man or maid - en's scorn - ing, Who from

B Deem not a word of warn - ing meet for man or maid - en's scorn - ing, Who from

78

S morn to eve a - May - ing go; For brook - lets can dis -

A morn to eve a - May - ing go; For brook - lets can dis -

T morn to eve a - May - ing go; For brook - lets can dis -

B morn to eve a - May - ing go; For brook - lets can dis -

82 *rit.*

S cov - er all the words and ways of lov - er,

A cov - er all the words and ways of lov - er,

T cov - er all the words and ways of lov - er,

B cov - er all the words and ways of lov - er,

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