



Airs of summer, softly blow

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Henry Elliot Button (1861-1925) was born in Clevedon, England. As a child, he was a chorister at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, London. He was an editor for Novello and was known as an organist and composer of organ works. He harmonized a number of tunes in *The Primitive Methodist Hymnal Supplement with Tunes* (1912) and his harmonizations are found in the hymnal of the Church of England. He died in Hampstead, London.

Airs of Summer, softly blow;
Sing your whispering songs to me,
Over the grass like shadows go,
Flutter your wings in the rustling tree;
Curl the wave on sunlit sand,
Rock the bee in its rose asleep,
Scatter odours from strand to strand,
Over oceans in laughter sweep.
Kiss the snow on the mountain's height,
Woo the river that glides beneath,
Sing in the trees your sweet goodnight,
And cease like a baby's slumbering breath.

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Andante grazioso ♩. = 66

S
Airs of Sum - mer, soft - ly blow; Sing your

A
Airs of Sum - mer, soft - ly blow; Sing your

T
Airs of Sum - mer, soft - ly blow; Sing your

B
Airs of Sum - mer, soft - ly, soft - ly blow; Sing your whis - p'ring

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S
whis - - - p'ring songs to me, O - ver the

A
whis - - - p'ring songs to me, O - ver the

T
whis - p'ring songs to me, O - ver the

B
songs, your songs to me, O - ver the grass like

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S grass like sha - dows go, Flut - ter your

A grass like sha - dows go, Flut - ter your

T grass like sha - dows go, And flut - ter your wings in the

B sha - dows, sha - dows go, Flut - ter your wings in the

8

S wings in the rust - ling tree; Curl the wave on sun - lit

A wings in the rust - ling tree; Curl the wave on sun - lit

T rust - ling, rust - ling tree; Curl the wave, the wave on sun - lit sand,

B rust - - - ling tree; Curl the wave on sun - lit

mf *p* *mf* *p*

11

S sand, Rock the bee in its rose a -

A sand, Rock the bee in its rose a -

T curl the wave on sun - lit sand, Rock the bee in its

B sand, Rock the bee in its rose a -

mf *mf*

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S *cresc.* sleep, Scat - ter o - dours, *f* scat - ter o - dours, *dim.* scat - ter

A *cresc.* sleep, Scat - ter o - dours, *f* scat - ter o - dours, *dim.*

T *cresc.* rose a - sleep, Scat - ter o - dours, *f* o - dours, *dim.*

B *cresc.* sleep, Scat - ter o - dours, *f* o - dours, *dim.*

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S o - dours, *p* scat - ter o - dours, *pp* o - dours O - ver

A o - dours *p* from strand to strand, *pp* O - ver

T scat - ter o - dours, *p* o - dours, *pp* o - dours

B o - dours *p* from strand to strand, *pp* O - ver

19

S o - ceans in laugh - ter sweep, in laugh - ter, laugh - ter sweep.

A o - ceans in laugh - ter, laugh - ter sweep.

T O - ver o - ceans in laugh - ter, laugh - ter sweep.

B o - ceans in laugh - ter, laugh - ter sweep.

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S *p* Kiss the snow on the moun - tain's height, Woo the

A *p* Kiss the snow on the moun - tain's height, Woo the

T *p* Kiss the snow on the moun - tain's height, Woo the

B *p* Kiss the snow on the moun - tain's height, Woo the riv - er that

25 S riv - er that glides be - neath, Sing in the

A riv - er that glides be - neath, Sing in the

T 8 riv - er that glides be - neath, Sing in the

B glides, that glides be - neath, Sing in the trees your

27 S trees your sweet good - night, *mf* And cease like a *dim.*

A trees your sweet good - night, *mf* And *dim.*

T 8 trees your sweet good - night, *mf* And *dim.*

B sweet good - night, your sweet good - night, *mf* And *dim.*

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29

S ba - - - by's slum - b'ring breath, a

A cease like a breath, a

T cease like a ba - by's slum - b'ring breath, and cease like a

B cease like a breath, a

31

S ba - - by's breath, and cease like a ba - by's slum - b'ring

A ba - - by's slum - b'ring breath, a

T ba - by's slum - b'ring breath, and cease,

B ba - - by's breath,

p rall.

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S breath, a ba - by's slum - b'ring breath.

A ba - - by's slum - b'ring, slum - b'ring breath.

T cease like a ba - by's slum - b'ring breath, a ba - by's slum - b'ring breath.

B cease like a ba - by's slum - b'ring, slum - b'ring breath.

pp perdo

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