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## America the Beautiful

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#### WE WOULD BE BUILDING



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# The Lord's Prayer

Tune: Finlandia

Arranged by Orrin L. Keener

Dear Lord, who art wherever love abideth, May all mankind revere thy holy name; Thy kingdom come in all its power and beauty In all men's hearts, o'er all the earth, we pray; Thy will be done—each of us true to duty—In all we think, in all we do and say.

Give us this day our daily bread, our Father; Forgive our debts, for we too have forgiven. Lend us thy grace when we must face temptation; Save us from evil at our work or play. Thine is the kingdom; thine the power, our Father; Thine be the glory, evermore. Amen.

# A Hymn of Youth

By Harry Thomas Stock

Tune: REST or WHITTIER

O gracious God, whose constant care Supplies our golden days, Whose joyous fellowship we share At work, at rest, in play and prayer—Accept our heart-felt praise.

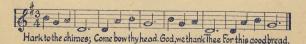
We thank Thee, Father, for each word, Each thought, revealing truth; For prophet voices gladly heard, For daring dreams, for friends who stirred The fragile wills of youth.

Companion of our vesper hour, Renew in us each day Our lofty purpose, grant us power That worthy thoughts in deeds may flower, In Christlike lives, we pray.

Surround us through temptation's maze When artful foes assail;
Help us a peaceful path to blaze,
To lead mankind in nobler ways,
Give strength—we would not fail!

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#### CHIMES



## Dear Lord and Father





In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word, Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity

Interpreted by love.

4.
Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

5.

Breathe through the heats of our desire, Thy coolness and Thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

John G. Whittier, 1872.

# O God Our Help in Ages Past



Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in the sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.



- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
  Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
  Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
  Free our hearts to work and praise.
  Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
  For the facing of this hour.
- 3 Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control; Shame our wanton selfish gladness, Rich. in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
- 4. Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be Armoured with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
Serving Thee whom we adore.

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# EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT



- Arranged by Mrs. Marion Downs

Note: Sing "de" or "da". Male voices sing the verse melody. Women's voices obligate hum. Be sure to keep syncopated rhythm.

# O Young and Fearless Prophet

S. Ralph Harlow

John B. Dykes 1823-76



We marvel at the purpose that held Thee to Thy course While ever on the hilltop before Thee loomed the cross; Thy steadfast face set forward where love and duty shone, While we betray so quickly and leave Thee there alone.

3.

O help us stand unswerving against war's bloody way, Where hate and lust and falsehood hold back Christ's holy sway;

Forbid false love of country, that binds us to His call Who lifts above the nation the brotherhood of all.

A

Create in us the splendor that dawns when hearts are kind, That knows not race nor station as boundaries of the mind; That learns to value beauty, in heart, or brain, or soul, And longs to bind God's children into one perfect whole. O young and fearless Prophet, we need Thy presence here. Amid our pride and glory to see Thy face appear; Once more to hear Thy challenge above our noisy day, Again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

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#### I WANT TO BE READY



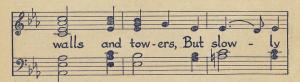
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# That Cause Can Never Be Lost











Each noble service that men have wrought Was first conceived as a fruitful thought; Each worthy cause, with a future glorious, By quietly growing becomes victorious.

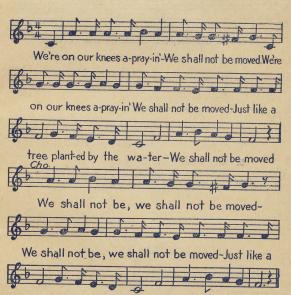
Thereby itself like a tree it shows;
That high it reaches, as deep it grows;
And when the storms are its branches shaking,
It deeper root in the soil is taking.

4

Be then no more by a storm dismayed, For by it the full-grown seeds are laid; And though the tree by its might it shatters, What then if thousands of seeds it scatters?

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# We Shall Not Be Moved



tree plant-ed by the wa-ter-We shall not be moved!

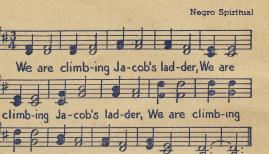
2.

You can talk about us, we shall not be moved, You can talk about us, we shall not be moved, Just like a tree, planted by the water, We shall not be moved.

#### Chorus

<sup>\*</sup>Chorus is to be sung at beginning and end of song, only.

#### JACOB'S LADDER



 Every round goes higher, higher, Every round goes higher, higher, Every round goes higher, higher, Soldiers of the cross.

Ja-cob's lad-der, Sol-diers of the cross.

- 3 Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
- 4 If you love Him, why not serve Him?
- 5. Rise, shime, give God glory,
- 6. We are climbing higher and higher,

# PRAISE FOR BREAD



# I Ain't Gwine Study War



#### O NOBODY KNOWS



## TALLIS CANON

Thomas Ken, 1695

Thomas Tallis, 1565



# COME, LET US BE JOYFUL



Freut euch des Lebens

Freut euch des Lebens, weil noch das Lampchen gluht; pflukket die Rose eh' sie verbluht.

Man schafft so gern sich Sorg' und Muh', sucht Dornen auf und findet sie und lasst das Veilchen unbemerkt, das uns am Wege bluht.

<sup>\*</sup> English translation after Elizabeth Burchenal in "Dances of the people."

# VIVE L'AMOUR



2.

A friend on your left and a friend on your right, Vive la compagnie! In love and good fellowship let us unite, Vive la compagnie!

3

Now wider and wider our circle expands, Vive la compagnie! We sing to our comrades in far away lands, Vive la compagnie!

#### THE CROW

Swedish Folk Song



Then the gun from his shoulder he quickly brought down,
Hej, boom fal le la, sing fal le la, boom fal le la lay;
And shot that black crow, it fell to the ground,
Hej, boom fal le la, sing fal le la, boom fal le la lay.

That black crow was useful in numerous ways, The keelbone was sailed over oceans and bays.

The feathers were made into feather beds, neat,
And pitchforks were made from the legs and the feet.

More things were made from this wonderful crow, You may doubt this story, but really, it's so!

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#### THE ALPINE SONG

Swiss Folk Song



- O'er the mountain trail we go See the deep ravines below.
- 3. A lovely maid lives across the lake So in my skiff a trip I'll take.

-Translated by Richard Azzling

#### BEAUTIFUL DREAMER

By Stephen C. Foster, 1864



#### TELL ME WHY

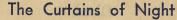


#### CAME A-RIDING

Czecho-Slovak Folk Song

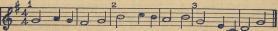


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# WHITE SAND AND GRAY SAND



White sand and gray sand; Who'll buy my white sand; Who'll buymy graysand?

# Dinah

Arranged by Eugene Kidder



# Mow the Hay



#### THE FOOT TRAVELLER

German Folk Song



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## GREEN GROW THE RUSHES, HO



An ancient Hebrew song, some version of which appears in nearly every language. Above version is from Dorsetshire, as sung at Eton College. First printed in English about 1625.

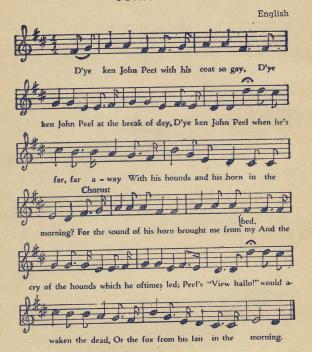
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## GREEN GROW THE RUSHES (2)



Possible meaning of verses: I. Refers to Diety. II. Hebrew ver. Tables of the Law. III. Trinity or Patriarchs. IV. Gospel writers, or wives of patriarchs. VII. Ursa Major or days of week. X. All versions agree here. XI. Apostles minus Judas, or 11 stars seen by Joseph. XII. Apostles or tribes of Israel.

## JOHN PEEL



2.

Then here's to John Peel, from my heart and soul, Let's drink to his health, let's finish the bowl; We'll follow John Peel through fair and through foul, If we want a good hunt in the morning.

3.

D'ye ken John Peel with his coat so gay? He lived at Troutbeck once on a day; Now he has gone, far, far away; We shall ne'er hear his voice in the morning.

#### THE KEEPER

English Folk Song



The second doe she did cross the brook: The keeper fetched her back with his hook; Where she is now you must go and look, Among the leaves so green, O!

# The Lover's Quest

**Bohemian** 



We did not come here to rest ourselves; We came to stand up and woo. Three charming daughters we know you have; We wish to get one from you.

la, la, la, la, la, Tralala. Tralala,

"John, dear, be careful, and do not choose
One who is proud to the core,
For she would not take a step with you,
Even as far as the door."

"John, dear, be careful, and do not choose
One who can't smile or look bright,
For she might scowl at you every day,
From early morning till night."

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#### MARIANINA

Italian Song



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# Morning Comes Early

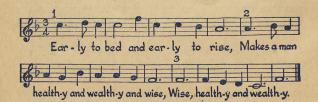
Slovakian Folk Song



#### English version by Katherine K. Davis

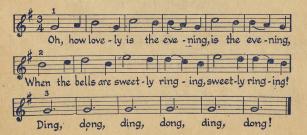
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## EARLY TO BED



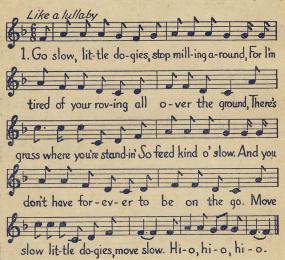


## LOVELY EVENING



#### NIGHT HERDING SONG

Cowboy Song



2

Lay down, little dogies, and when you've laid down
You can stretch yourselves out for there's plenty of ground.
Stay put little dogies, for I'm awful tired,
And if you get away, I'm sure to be fired.
Lay down little dogies, lay down, hi-o, hi-o, hi-o.

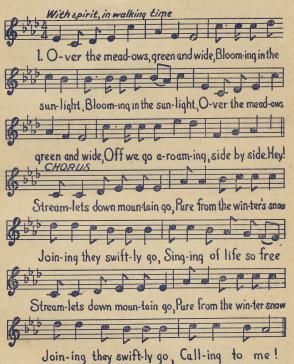
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## NOW THE DAY IS OVER



#### OVER THE MEADOW

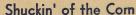
-Czech Folk Song



2

Sweet is the air with new-mown hay, Cooling in the twi-light, cooling in the twilight Sweet is the air with new-morn hay As we homeward go at the close of day.

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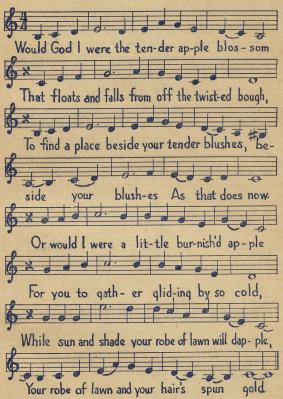


## CHAIRS TO MEND

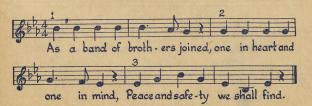


# The Tender Apple Blossom

(Londonderry Air)



#### BAND OF BROTHERS





Mads Hansen, 1866

-Composer Unknown.











I heard from youth the cheerful choirs Of birds above the moor; They taught me when my heart desires On wings of song to soar. Behind the plow and harrow And ringing scythe I sing, Till wood and valleys narrow With cheerful echoes ring. 3

But when the busy day is spent
And sunset paints the west,
My mind refreshed, my heart content,
Midst lov-ed ones I rest.
And in my home-life ever
My spirit finds rebirth,
And I will change it never
With any man on earth.

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### Trampin'



### The Timid Maiden

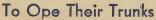


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## Two Wings



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## Walking at Night



2.

Nearing the wood, we heard the nightingale, Sweetly it helped me tell my begging tale, (repeat).

3.

Many the stars that brightly shone above, But none so bright as her one word of love, (repeat).

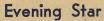
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## Beauty Around Us



Descant by W. Frederic Miller, 1937

—Translated from the Danish by S. D. Rodholm





2.

Teach me, gentle flowers,
To wait for springtime showers,
In this winter world to grow,
Green and strong beneath the snow,
Teach me, gentle flowers.

#### EVENING STAR

3

Teach me, gentle heather, Where songbirds nest together, Though my life should seem unblest, To keep a song within my breast, Teach me, gentle heather.

4

Mighty ocean, teach me,
To do the task that needs me,
And reflect as days depart,
Heaven's peace within my heart,
Mighty ocean, teach me.

5.

Shady lanes, refreshing, Teach me to be a blessing, To some weary soul each day, Friends or foes who pass my way. Shady lanes, refreshing.

6.

Evening sun, descending, Teach me, when life is ending. Night shall pass, and I like you, Shall rise again, where life is new. Teach me, sun descending.





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### Vesper Hymn

Thomas Moore 1779-1852

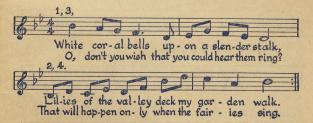
D. S. Bortniansky 1751-1825





#### WHITE CORAL BELLS

light-en your load, if you sing your way home.



### Funiculi, Funicula!

Italian Popular Song
Some think the world is made for fun and frolic,
And so do II And so do II
Some think it well to be all melancholic,
To pine and sigh, To pine and sigh,
But I, I love to spend my time in singing
Some joyous song, Some joyous song;
To set the air with music bravely ringing
Is far from wrong! Is far from wrong!
Harken! harken! music sounds afar!
Harken! harken! music sounds afar!
Funiculi, funicula, funiculi, funicula!

Joy is ev'rywhere! Funiculi, funicula!

# Youth Undaunted

B. Bjornson, 1860.

Rikard Nordraak

Youth un - daun - ted, lift up your head;

Though a hope and a dream are dead,





- Lift your head! Look around and hear Voices calling you far and near Voices insistent and ringing Challenging urgent and singing.
- Lift your head! In yourself, within Must your heaven on earth begin, Rivers begin at the fountain As in the valley the mountain.

- Lift your head! For no wintery frost Kills the trees tho its leaves are lost! Life, never tamed in submission, Breaks in the spring every prison.
- Lift your head! Let your heart be filled With the hope that sustained and thrilled Ail, who in past generations Lived as the light of the nations.

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#### CIELITO LINDO

Mexican Folk Song.



Una fleche en el aire, Cielito Lindo lanzo Cupido Y como fue jugando, Cielito Lindo yo fui el herido (Chorus

Cielito Lindo (Beautiful Heaven) is one of the most popular songs from pioneer days of California.

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#### THE OWLET





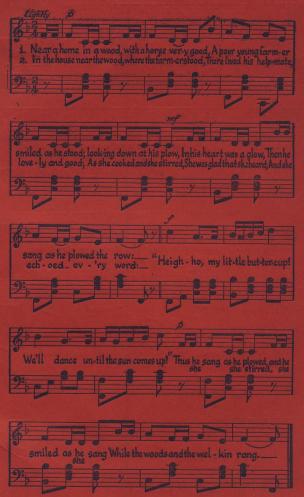
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If I were a little owlet,
I would never steal away;
Till my wings were strong and steady (3)
Safe within my nest I'd stay (2) Refrain:

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### The Happy Plowman

Swedish Folk Song



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### Men of the Soil

Danish Folk Song

