

## Robin Goodfellow

George A. Macfarren (1813-1887)

Sir George Alexander Macfarren (1813-1887) was born in London. From early youth, he suffered from poor health and weak eyesight. His eyesight continually deteriorated until he became totally blind in 1860. However, his blindness had little effect on his productivity. Macfarren began to study music when he was fourteen and, at sixteen, entered the Royal Academy of Music. Because of his eyesight, he abandoned performance and concentrated on composition. He later taught at the Academy, eventually becoming a principal. He was also appointed professor of music at Cambridge University in 1875. He was conductor at Covent Garden, London; founder the Handel Society; program note writer for the Philharmonic Society; and edited the works of Handel and Purcell. He wrote 18 operas, 13 oratorios and cantatas, 9 symphonies, and 162 songs. He was active as writer of part-songs, literature for the many amateur choirs appearing throughout the country. He was knighted in 1883 on the same day as Arthur Sullivan and George Grove. His brother Walter Macfarren (1826-1905) was a pianist, composer and professor of the Royal Academy.

More swift than lightning can I fly
About this airy welkin soon,
And, in a minute's space, descry
Each thing that's done below the moon.
There's not a hag
Nor ghost shall wag
Or cry, "'ware Goblins!" where I go;
But Robin I,
Their feats will spy,
And send them home with ho ho ho!

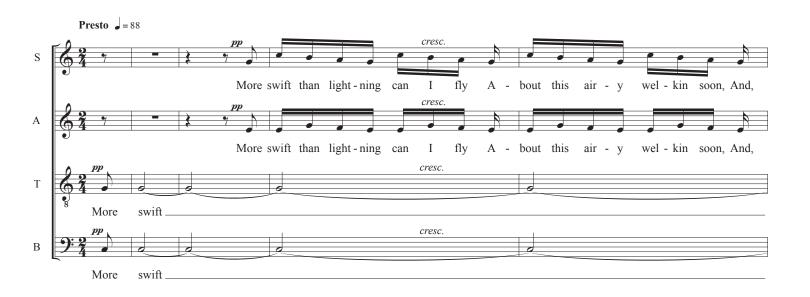
Sometimes I meet them like a man,
Sometimes an ox, sometimes a hound;
And to a horse I turn me can,
To trip and trot about them round.
But if to ride,
My back they stride,
More swift than wind away I go,
O'er hedge and lands,
Through pools and ponds,
I hurry laughing, ho ho ho!

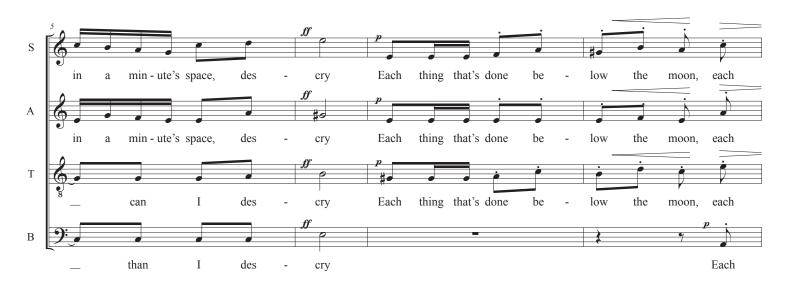
When lads and lasses merry be,
With possets and with junkets fine;
Unseen of all the companie,
I eat their cakes and sip their wine!
And, to make sport
I puff and snort,
And out the candles I do blow:
And maids I kiss,
They shriek—"Who's this?"
I answer nought, but ho ho ho!

Ben Johnson (1572-1637)

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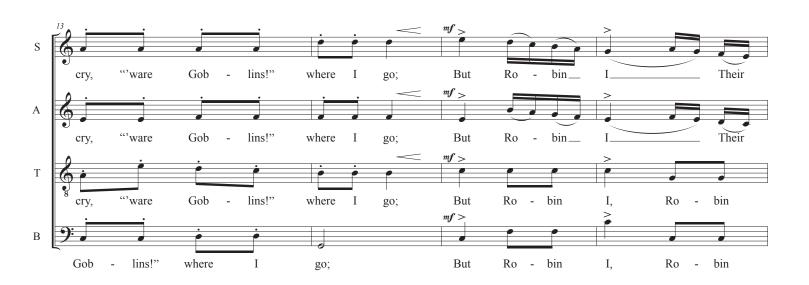


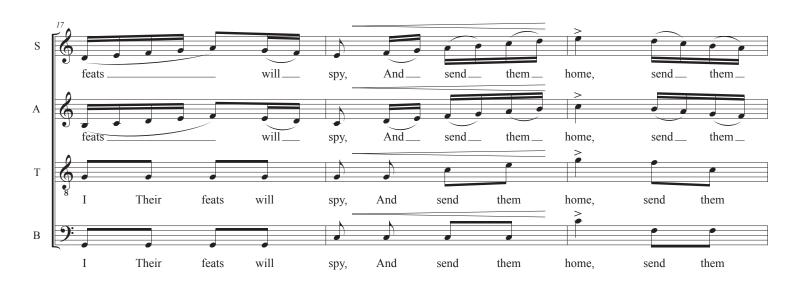


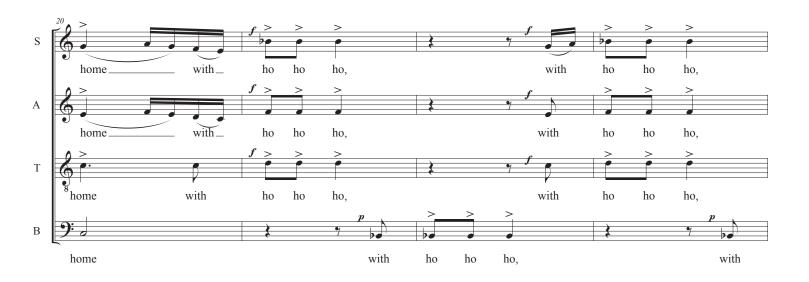


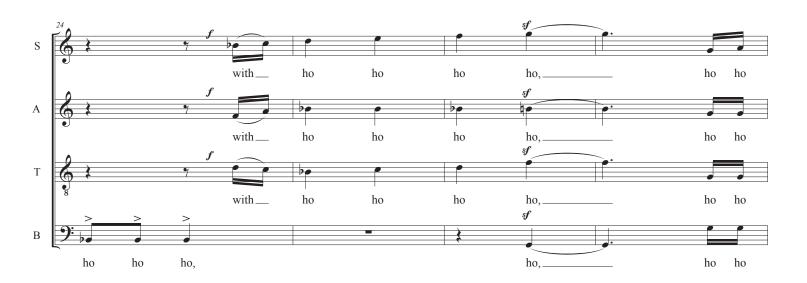
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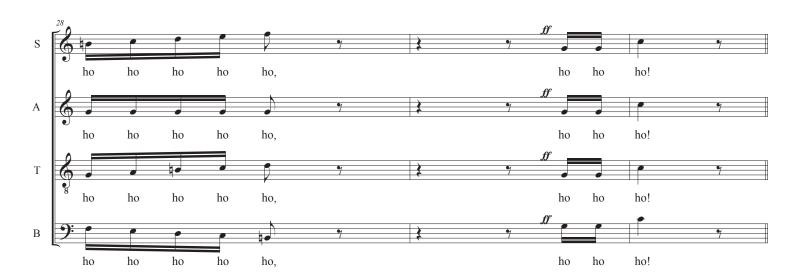




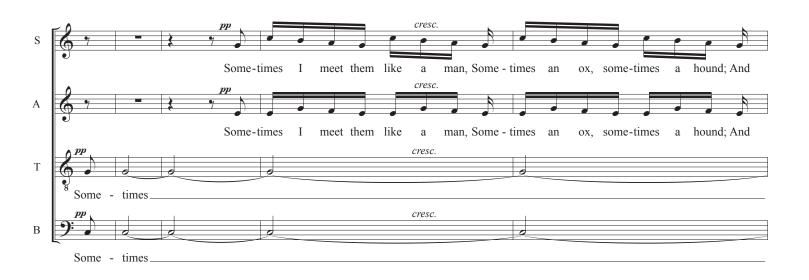


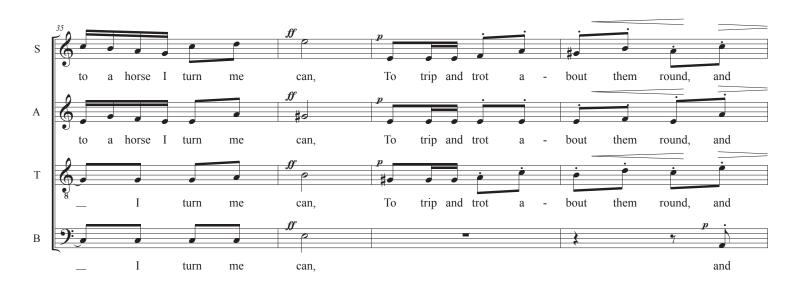


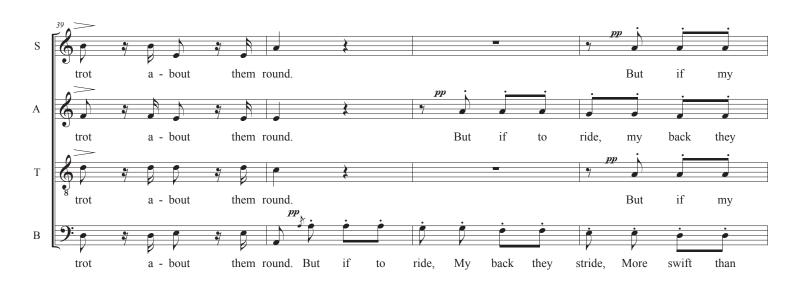


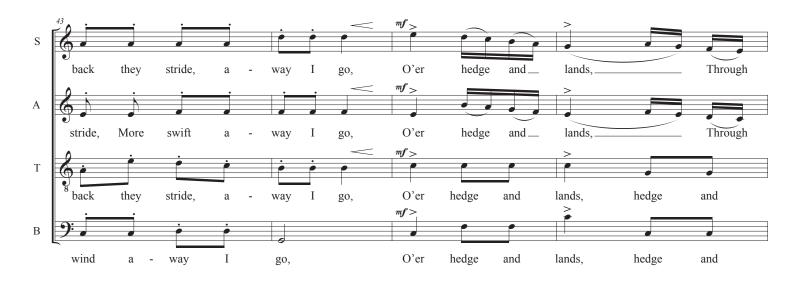


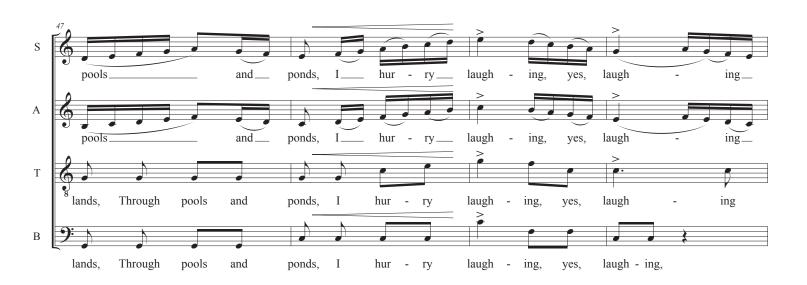
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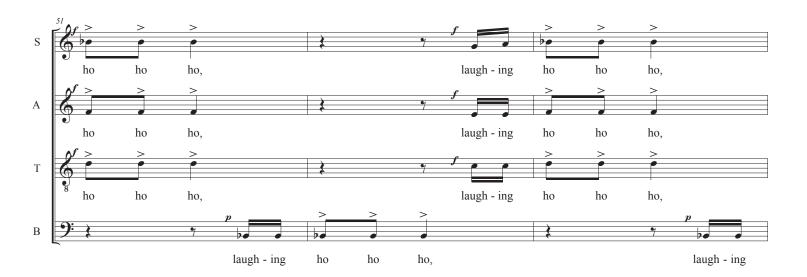


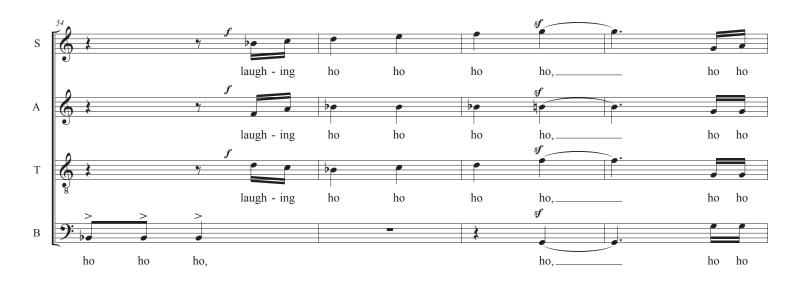


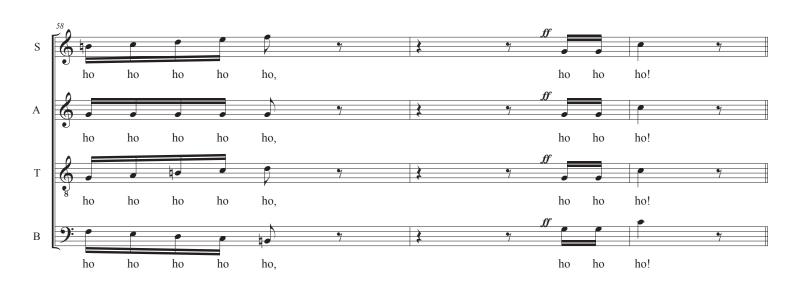


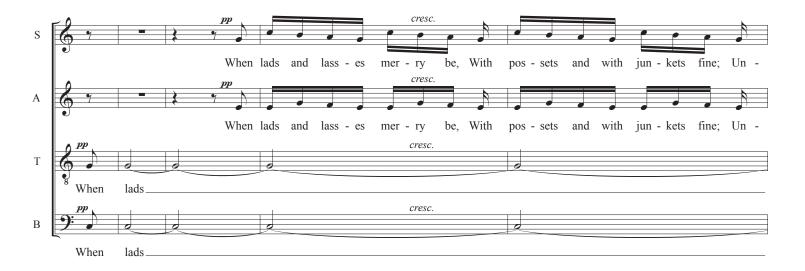


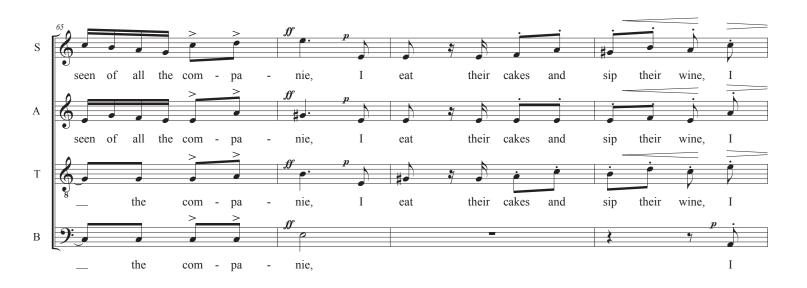


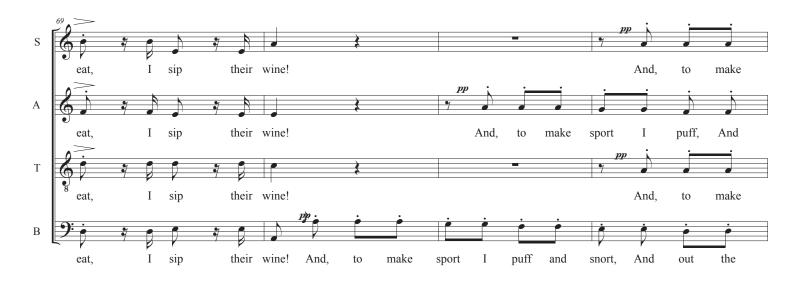


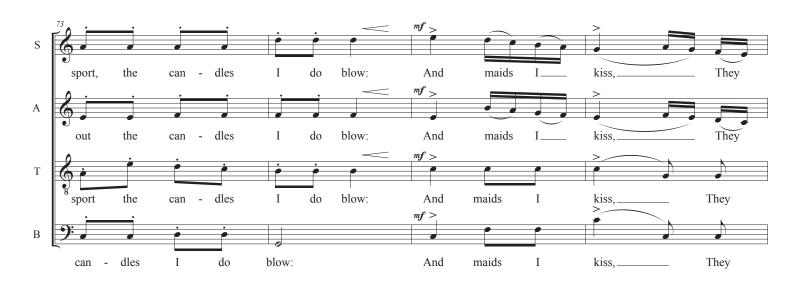


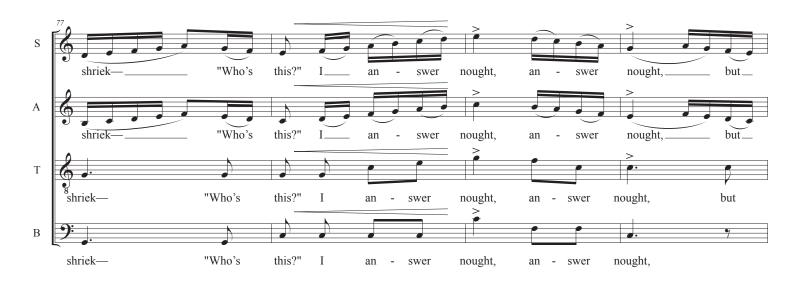


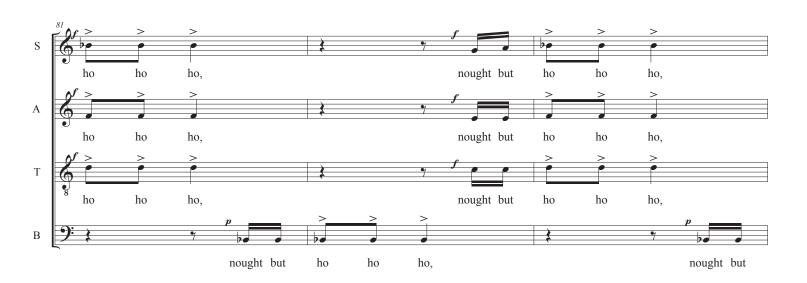


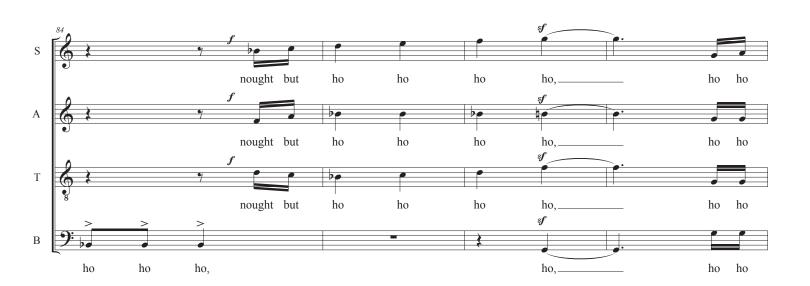


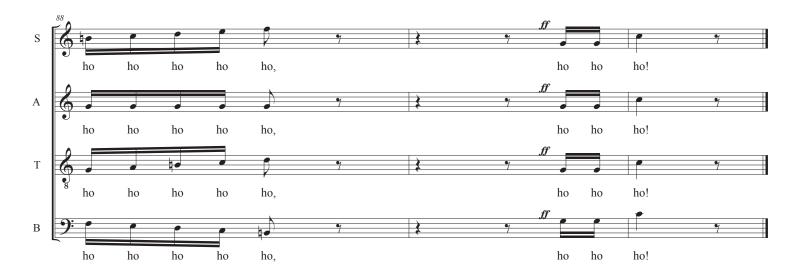












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