The secret

James H. Rosecrans
(1845-1926)

In waltz time

I'm happy and free, light-hearted and gay, I laugh and dance and sing all

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Oh come, this secret so rare reveal, This precious

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The secret

Secret no longer conceal; We all would banish our care away, And would laugh and sing all the day,

I'm happy and free, light-hearted and gay, I laugh and dance and sing all
The secret

day, And drive all grief and care away; Attentive now be, And

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lis ten to me, The precious secret of my heart, I will gladly impart.

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Then listen to me, attentive now be, And learn this lesson rare and

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The secret

sweet, The source of happiness complete; Would you happy be, Light-
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hearted and free, Make glad the hearts of those about you, And happy you'll be.
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Oh yes, this secret is wondrous rare, And great in
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Filmore Brothers (1886)

James Holmes Rosecrans (1845–1926) was born in Berne, New York. His father died young and James worked on a farm, but studied music in his spare time. He continued his studies at the Baxter University of Music in Friendship, New York. He was an itinerant music teacher for a few years, held a position in the Music Conservatory of Des Moines, Iowa, then joined the Fillmore Brothers Music House in Cincinnati, Ohio. During this time, he also travelled among churches teaching congregational singing and Sunday-school music. He also became an ordained minister of the Christian Church. He left the music publishing business and went to Colorado, teaching music in Douglas County, then to California as an evangelist. He was later were associated with evangelistic efforts in Texas, and taught music and Bible at Carlton College in Bonham, Texas. He died in Breakabeen, New York. Over his lifetime, he published over 20 music collections. Most of his compositions were hymns, sacred songs and part songs.
I’m happy and free, light-hearted and gay,
I laugh and dance and sing all day,
And drive all grief and care away;
Attentive now be,
And listen to me,
The precious secret of my heart,
I will gladly impart.
Oh come, this secret so rare reveal,
This precious secret no longer conceal;
We all would banish our care away,
And would laugh and sing all the day.

Then listen to me, attentive now be,
And learn this lesson rare and sweet,
The source of happiness complete;
Would you happy be,
Light-hearted and free,
Make glad the hearts of those about you,
And happy you’ll be.
Oh yes, this secret is wondrous rare,
And great in value beyond all compare;
Then let us follow the precept taught,
The true path where pleasure is sought.

Charles Millard Fillmore (1860–1952)

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