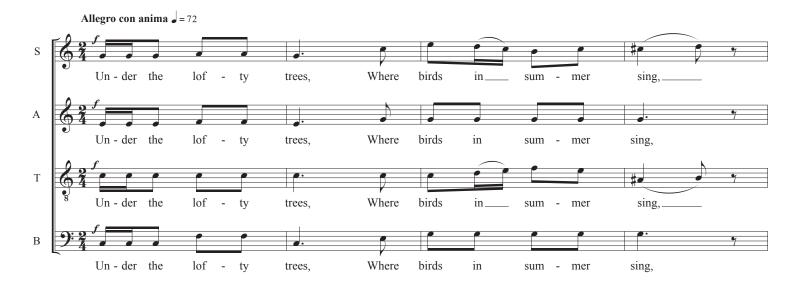
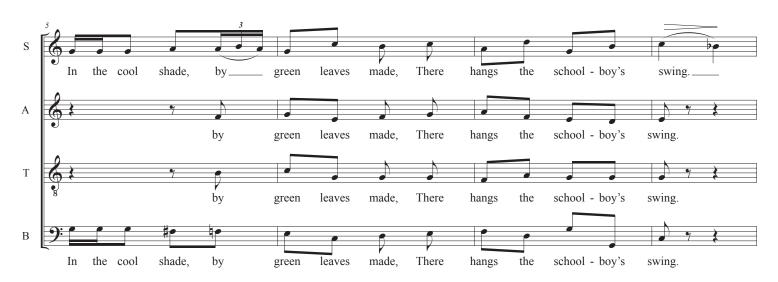




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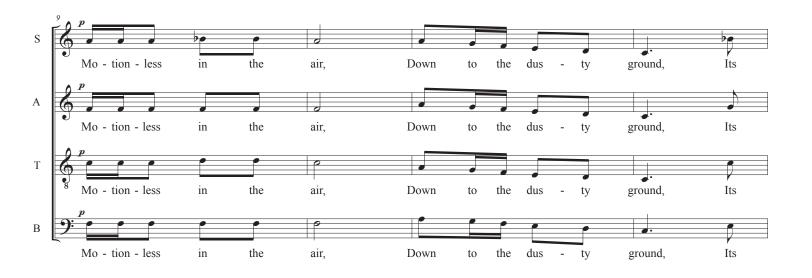
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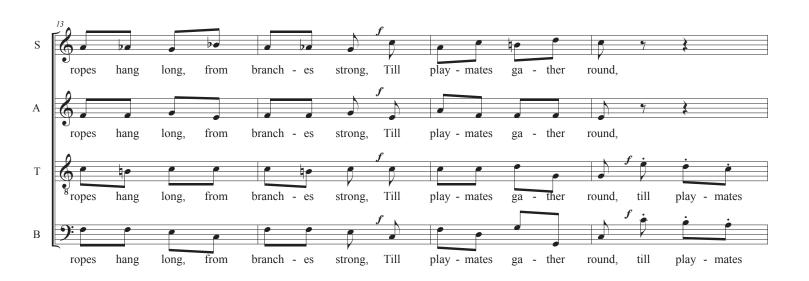


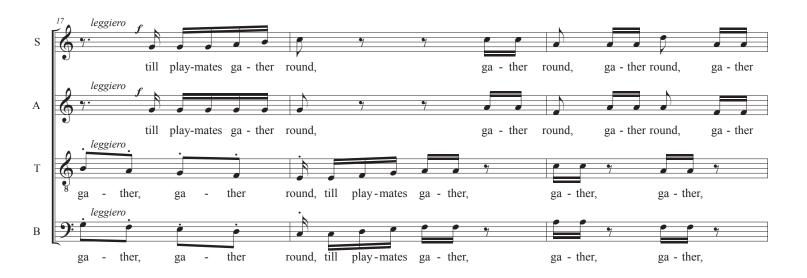




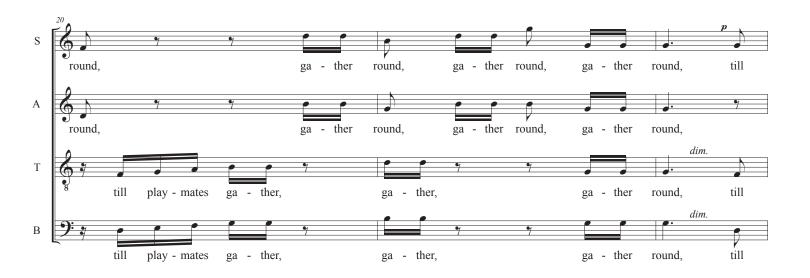
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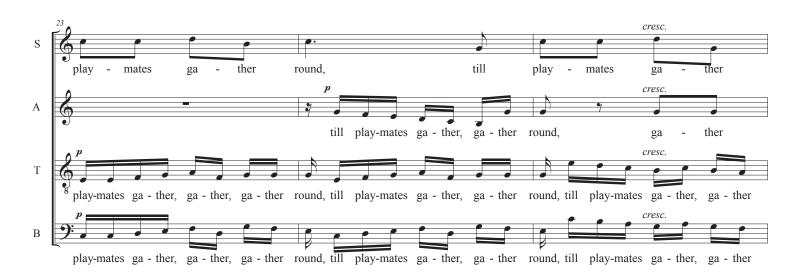


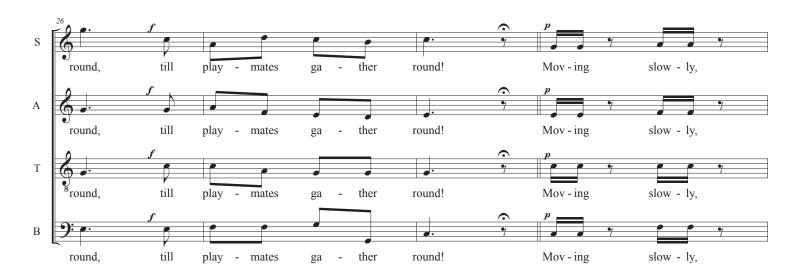




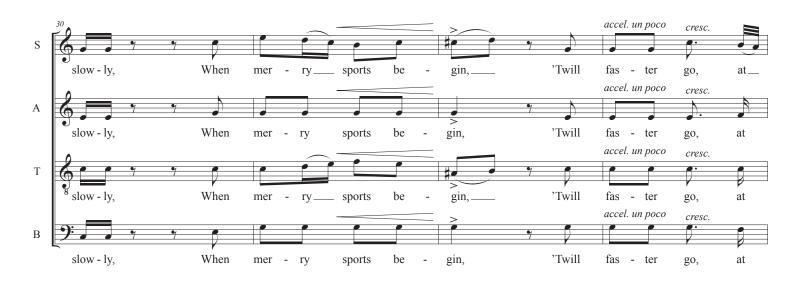
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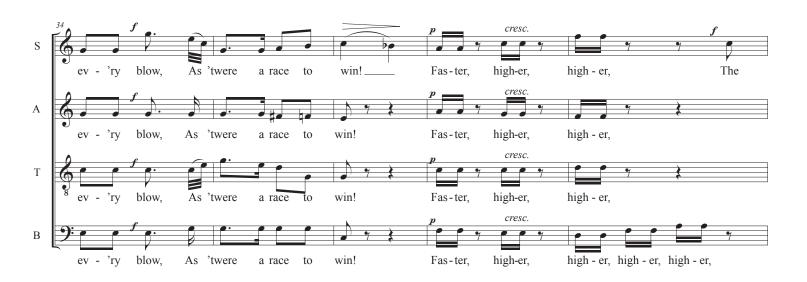


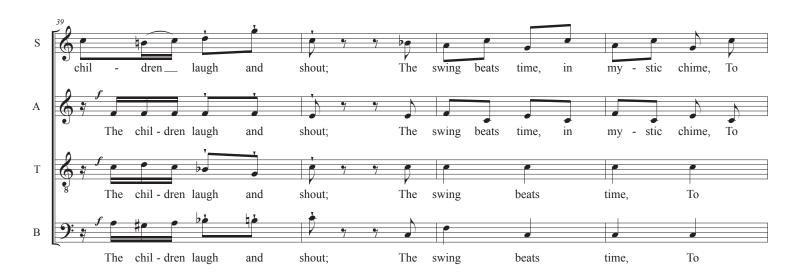


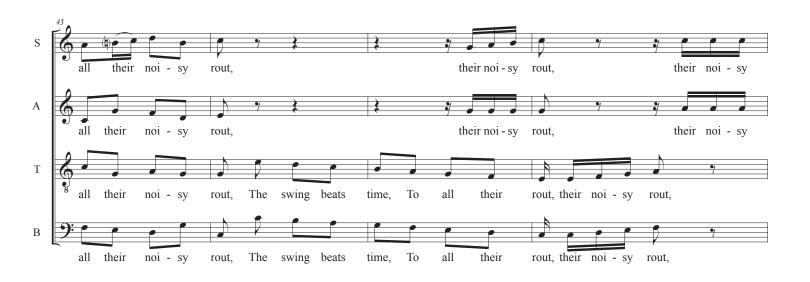


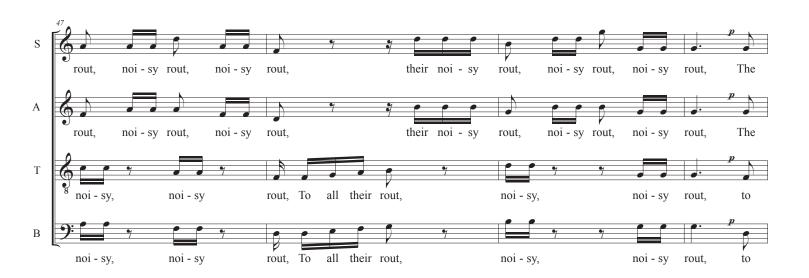
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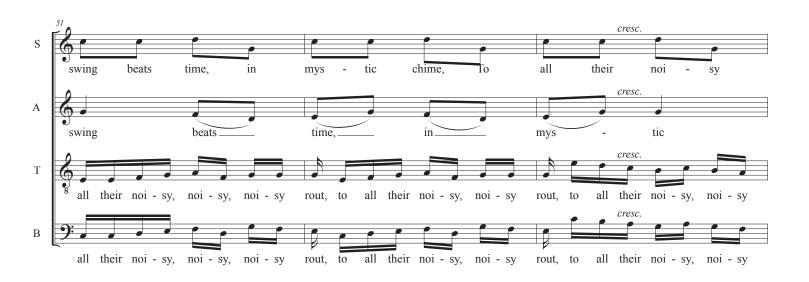




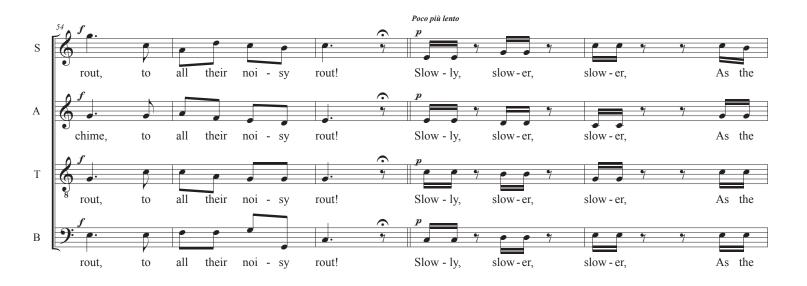


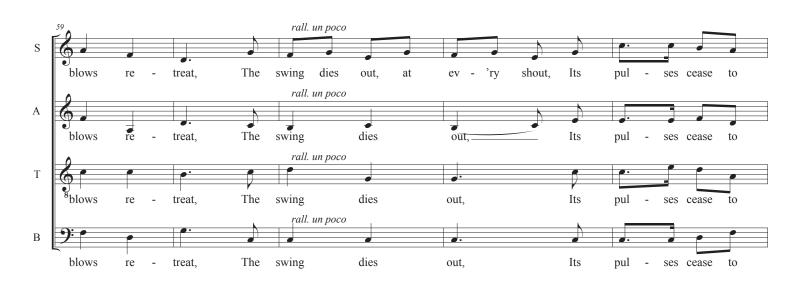


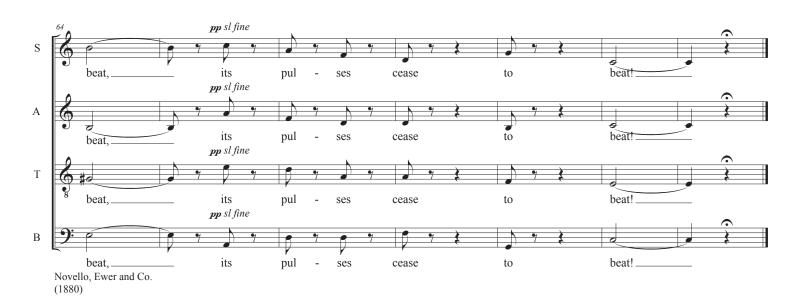




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John Liptrot Hatton (1809-1886) was born in Liverpool. He received a rudimentary music education as a child, but was essentially a self-taught musician. He held several appointments as organist in Liverpool and appeared as an actor on the Liverpool He relocated to London in 1832 as a member of Macready's company at Drury Lane and began to establish himself as a composer. His first operetta, "Queen of the Thames", was successful in 1844; he then went to Vienna and brought out his opera "Pascal Bruno." He wrote several songs on his return to England and appeared at the Hereford festival as a singer. He also undertook piano concert tours at this time. From 1848 to 1850 he was in America, giving public and private concerts in New York City. Notably, in 1848, he shared the stage in Pittsburgh, PA with Stephen C. Foster. Returning to England, he became conductor of the Glee and Madrigal Union and director of music at the Princess's Theatre, London. He wrote operas, cantatas, incidental music, anthems, cathedral pieces, and many songs. His part-songs were regarded as some of the best of the genre. Hatton's daughter, Frances J. Hatton, emigrated to Canada in 1869, where she became a respected composer and the singing instructor at the Hellmuth Ladies College in London, Ontario.

Under the lofty trees, Where birds in summer sing, In the cool shade, by green leaves made, There hangs the schoolboy's swing.

Motionless in the air, Down to the dusty ground, Its ropes hang long, from branches strong, Till playmates gather round!

Moving slowly, slowly, When merry sports begin, 'Twill faster go, at ev'ry blow, As 'twere a race to win!

Faster, higher, higher, The children laugh and shout; The swing beats time, in mystic chime, To all their noisy rout!

Slowly, slower, slower, As the blows retreat, The swing dies out, at every shout, Its pulses cease to beat!

Walter Maynard

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