



O weary hands!

Martin A. Cheek
(1862–1929)

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Andante ♩ = 72

S *mf* O wear - y Hands! that, all the day, Were set to la - bor hard and

A *mf* O wear - y Hands! that, all the day, Were set to la - bor hard and

T *mf* O wear - y Hands! that, all the day, Were set to la - bor hard and

B *mf* O wear - y Hands! that, all the day, Were set to la - bor hard and

S ⁴ long, Now soft - ly fall the shad - ows gray, The bells are

A long, Now soft - ly fall the shad - ows gray, The bells are

T long, Now soft - ly fall the shad - ows gray, The bells are

B long, Now soft - ly fall the shad - ows gray, The bells are



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S
rung for e - - - ven song. An hour a - go the

A
rung for e - ven song. An hour a - go the

T
rung for e - ven song. An hour a - go the

B
rung for e - ven song. An hour a - go the

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S
gold - en sun Sank slow-ly down in - to the west; Poor,

A
gold - en sun Sank slow-ly down in - to the west; Poor,

T
gold - en sun Sank slow-ly down in - to the west; Poor,

B
gold - en sun Sank slow-ly down in - to the west; Poor,

Andantino ♩ = 84

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S
wear - y hands, your toil is done; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!—

A
wear - y hands, your toil is done; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!—

T
wear - y hands, your toil is done; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!—

B
wear - y hands, your toil is done; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!—

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S *mf*
O wear - y Feet! That man - y_a mile Have trudged a - long a ston - y

A *mf*
O wear - y Feet! That man - y_a mile Have trudged a - long a ston - y

T *mf*
O wear - y Feet! That man - y_a mile Have trudged a - long a ston - y

B *mf*
O wear - y Feet! That man - y_a mile Have trudged a - long a ston - y

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S
way, At last ye reach the try - sting stile; No lon - ger

A
way, At last ye reach the try - sting stile; No lon - ger

T
way, At last ye reach the try - sting stile; No lon - ger

B
way, At last ye reach the try - sting stile; No lon - ger

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S
fear to go a - stray. The gen - tly bend - - ing,

A
fear to go a - stray. The gen - - - tly bend - ing,

T
fear to go a - stray. The gen - tly bend - - ing,

B
fear to go a - stray. The gen - tly bend - - ing,

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S rus - tling trees Rock the young birds with - in the nest, And

A rus - tling trees Rock the young birds with - in the nest, And

T rus - tling trees Rock the young birds with - in the nest, And

B rus - tling trees Rock the young birds with - in the nest, And

Andantino ♩ = 84

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S soft - ly sings the qui - et breeze; "Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!"

A soft - ly sings the qui - et breeze; "Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!"

T soft - ly sings the qui - et breeze; "Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!"

B soft - ly sings the qui - et breeze; "Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!"

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S O wear - y Eyes! from which the tears Fell man - y a time like thun - der

A O wear - y Eyes! from which the tears Fell man - y a time like thun - der

T O wear - y Eyes! from which the tears Fell man - y a time like thun - der

B O wear - y Eyes! from which the tears Fell man - y a time like thun - der

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S rain— O wear - y Heart! that through the years Heat with such

A rain— O wear - y Heart! that through the years Heat with such

T rain— O wear - y Heart! that through the years Heat with such

B rain— O wear - y Heart! that through the years Heat with such

41

S bit - ter, rest - - less pain. To' - night for - get the

A bit - ter, rest - - less pain. To' - night for - get the

T bit - ter, rest - - less pain. To' - night for - get the

B bit - ter, rest - - less pain. To' - night for - get the

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S storm - y strife, And know, what Heav'n shall send is best; Lay

A storm - y strife, And know, what Heav'n shall send is best; Lay

T storm - y strife, And know, what Heav'n shall send is best; Lay

B storm - y strife, And know, what Heav'n shall send is best; Lay

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S down the tan - gled web of life; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!

A down the tan - gled web of life; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!

T down the tan - gled web of life; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!

B down the tan - gled web of life; 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!

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Martin Albert Cheek (1862-1929) was born in Marylebone, London, England. After training in music, he became a music teacher in London. He emigrated to New Zealand, settling in the Marlborough District. He operated an active music studio and was organist at the Presbyterian Church, Renwick, then organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's church, Marlborough, for 24 years. He was a member of the Society of Musicians of Australasia, local secretary and examiner for Trinity College, London, examiner in music at the Blenheim centre for teachers' certificates, Vice-President of the Blenheim Amateur Opera Society, and director with the Blenheim Choral Society. He died in Blenheim. He was well known for his active support for musical activities and often published papers and presented lectures on music. Only a few small compositions are known.

O weary Hands! that, all the day,
Were set to labor hard and long,
Now softly fall the shadows gray,
The bells are rung for even song.
An hour ago the golden sun
Sank slowly down into the west;
Poor, weary hands, your toil is done;
'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!

O weary Feet! That many a mile
Have trudged along a stony way,
At last ye reach the trysting stile;
No longer fear to go astray.
The gently bending, rustling trees
Rock the young birds within the nest,
And softly sings the quiet breeze;
" 'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!"

O weary Eyes! from which the tears
Fell many a time like thunder rain—
O weary Heart! that through the years
Heat with such bitter, restless pain.
To'night forget the stormy strife,
And know, what Heaven shall send is best;
Lay down the tangled web of life;
'Tis time for rest!— 'tis time for rest!

Florence Tyler

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