



See the cooks are
homeward flying

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(1809-1886)

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 stage. 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.

Evening

See, the rooks are homeward flying,
In the yellow evening sky,
When the summer sun is setting,
'Mid bright clouds of many a dye.
And the peasant lad all weary
Wends his way across the moor,
With a whistle loud and cheery—
Work is done—the day is o'er.

Bees around the hive are humming,
Bringing home their golden store;
Children from their play are coming,
Wearied—they can play no more.
O'er the grass the dew is falling,
Flowers close up their petals bright;
Birds are roosting—friends are calling,
As they pass, "Good night—good night!"

Anon. "Easy Poetry for Children" (1880)

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Allegretto ♩ = 88

S
See, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, In the yel - low ev' - ning

A
See, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, In the yel - low ev' - ning

T
See, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, In the yel - low ev' - ning

B
See, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, In the yel - low ev' - ning

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S
sky, _____ When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *cresc.*

A
sky, _____ When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *cresc.*

T
sky, _____ When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *cresc.*

B
sky, _____ When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *cresc.*

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S *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *dim.* See, the rooks are *pp*

A *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *dim.* See, the rooks are *pp*

T *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *dim.* See, the rooks are home - ward *pp*

B *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *dim.* See, the rooks are *pp*

10

S home - ward fly - ing, In the sky,

A home - ward fly - ing, In the sky,

T fly - ing, In the yel - low ev' - ning sky,

B home - ward fly - ing, In the ev' - ning sky,

13

S When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

A When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

T When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

B When the sum - mer sun is set - ting, *f* 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

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S dye. And the peas - ant lad all wear - - - y

A dye. all wear - y, wear - y, wear - y

T dye. all wear - y, wear - y, wear - y

B dye. all wear - y, wear - y, wear - y

19

S Wends his way a - cross the moor, With a whis - tle loud and

A a - cross, a - cross the moor, With a whis - tle loud and

T a - cross, a - cross the moor, With a whis - tle loud and

B a - cross, a - cross the moor, With a whis - tle loud and

22

S cheer - y— Work is done— the day is o'er,

A cheer - y— Work is done— the day is o'er, the

T cheer - y— Work is done— the day is o'er, Work is done— the day is

B cheer - y— Work is done— the day is o'er, the

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25

S Work is done— the day is o'er, Work is done— the day is

A day is o'er, Work is done— the day is

T o'er, Work is done— the day is o'er, the day is

B day is o'er, Work is done— the day is

28

S o'er. See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing,

A o'er. See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing,

T o'er. See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing,

B o'er. See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing,

31

S In the yel - low ev' - ning sky, When the sum - mer sun is set - ting,

A In the yel - low ev' - ning sky, When the sum - mer sun is set - ting,

T In the yel - low ev' - ning sky,

B In the yel - low ev' - ning sky,

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34

S 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

A 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

T 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

B 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, of man - y_a

f *p* *f* *p* *cresc.* *p*

37

S dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye.

A dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye.

T dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye.

B dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye.

40

S Bees a-round the hive are hum - ming, Bring - ing home their gold - en

A Bees a-round the hive are hum - ming, Bring - ing home their gold - en

T Bees a-round the hive are hum - ming, Bring - ing home their gold - en

B Bees a-round the hive are hum - ming, Bring - ing home their gold - en

p *p* *p* *p*

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S store; _____ Chil - dren from their play are com - ing,

A store; _____ Chil - dren from their play are com - ing,

T store; _____ Chil - dren from their play are com - ing,

B store; _____ Chil - dren from their play are com - ing,

cresc.

46

S Wear - ied— they can play no more. _____ Bees a - round the

A Wear - ied— they can play no more. _____ Bees a - round the

T Wear - ied— they can play no more. _____ Bees a - round the hive are

B Wear - ied— they can play no more. _____ Bees a - round the

p *dim.* *pp*

49

S hive are hum - ming, Bring - - - ing their store; _____

A hive are hum - ming, _____ Bring - - - ing their store; _____

T hum - ming, Bring - ing home their gold - en store; _____

B hive are hum - ming, Bring - ing home their store; _____

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S Chil - dren from their play are com - ing, Wear - ied— they can play no

A Chil - dren from their play are com - ing, Wear - ied— they can play no

T Chil - dren from their play are com - ing, Wear - ied— they can play no

B Chil - dren from their play are com - ing, Wear - ied— they can play no

55

S more. O'er the grass the dew is fall - - - ing,

A more. is fall - ing, fall - ing, fall - ing,

T more. is fall - ing, fall - ing, fall - ing,

B more. is fall - ing, fall - ing, fall - ing,

58

S Flow'rs close up their pet - als bright; Birds are roost - ing— friends are

A close up their pet - als bright; Birds are roost - ing— friends are

T close up their pet - als bright; Birds are roost - ing— friends are

B close up their pet - als bright; Birds are roost - ing— friends are

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61

S call - ing, As they pass, "Good night— good night!" *dim.*

A call - ing, As they pass, "Good night— good night, good" *dim.*

T call - ing, As they pass, "Good night— good night!" Friends are call - ing, As they

B call - ing, As they pass, "Good night— good night, good" *dim.*

64

S As they pass, "Good night— good night!" As they pass, "Good night— good" *p* *pp*

A night, good night!" As they pass, "Good night— good" *pp*

T pass, Friends are call - ing, As they pass, "Good night— good" *pp*

B night, good night!" As they pass, "Good night— good" *pp*

67

S night!" See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, *f*

A night!" See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, *f*

T night!" See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, *f*

B night!" See, see, the rooks are home - ward fly - ing, *f*

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S In the yel - low ev' - ning sky, When the sum - mer sun is set - ting,

A In the yel - low ev' - ning sky, When the sum - mer sun is set - ting,

T In the yel - low ev' - ning sky,

B In the yel - low ev' - ning sky,

73

S 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

A 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

T 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a

B 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye, *cresc.* of man - y_a

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S dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *rall. al fine*

A dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *rall. al fine*

T dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *rall. al fine*

B dye, 'Mid bright clouds of man - y_a dye. *rall. al fine*

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