



# Spring Song

Henry Smart  
(1813-1879)

**Henry Thomas Smart** (1813-1879) was born in London, son of a music publisher, orchestra director and violinist. He declined a commission in the Indian army and planned to work in law, but he gave it up for a musical career. He was organist of Blackburn parish church; St. Giles-without-Cripplegate; St. Luke's, Old Street; and finally of St. Pancras New Church. He was the music editor for Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship (1867), the Presbyterian Hymnal (1875), and the hymn book of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. He was a recognized authority on organs and designed many instruments, including those in the City Hall and St. Andrew's Hall in Glasgow, Scotland, and the Town Hall in Leeds. Smart was highly rated as a composer by his contemporaries, especially his organ works and part-songs. His best-known compositions are now probably the hymn tune "Regent Square", commonly sung with the words "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory". In the last fifteen years of his life Smart was practically blind. He composed by dictation, primarily to his daughter.

Long has been the Winter,  
Long — long — in vain  
We've sought the bud upon the bough,  
The primrose in the lane.  
Long have skies been dull and grey,  
Nipping's been the blast;  
But, sing! Summer's coming!  
The bee's out at last.  
Sing! Winter's flying;  
Summer's coming fast;  
Humming joy and Springtime,  
The bee's out at last.

Loud shouts the cuckoo;  
The nested elm around,  
Wheels the rook, cawing;  
There are shadows on the ground.  
Warm comes the breeze, and soft,  
Freezing days are past.  
Then sing! Summer's coming!  
The bee's out at last.  
Sing! Winter's flying;  
Summer's coming fast;  
Humming joy and Springtime,  
The bee's out at last.

William Cox Bennett (1820-1895)

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Allegretto ♩ = 132

S  
Long has been the Win - ter, Long— long— in vain We've

A  
Long has been the Win - ter, Long— long— in vain We've

T  
Long has been the Win - ter, Long— long— in vain We've

B  
Long has been the Win - ter, Long— long— in vain We've

5  
S  
sought the bud up - on the bough, The prim - rose in the lane. \_\_\_\_\_

A  
sought the bud up - on the bough, The prim - rose in the lane. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
sought the bud up - on the bough, The prim - rose in the lane. \_\_\_\_\_

B  
sought the bud up - on the bough, The prim - rose in the lane. \_\_\_\_\_

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S *p* Long have skies been dull and grey, *cresc.* Nip - ping's been the blast; But, *f*

A *p* Long have skies been dull and grey, *cresc.* Nip - ping's been the blast; But, *f*

T *p* Long have skies been dull and grey, *cresc.* Nip - ping's been the blast; But, *f*

B *p* Long have skies been dull \_\_\_\_\_ and Nip - ping's been the blast; But, *f*

13

S sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's \_\_\_\_\_ out at last, the bee, the

A sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's out at last, the bee, the

T sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's \_\_\_\_\_ out at last, the bee, the

B sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's \_\_\_\_\_ out at last, the bee, the

17

S bee's out at last. Sing! Win - ter's fly - ing; Sum - mer's com -

A bee's out at last. Sing! Win - ter's fly - ing; Sum - mer's com -

T bee's out at last. Sing! Win - ter's fly - ing;

B bee's \_\_\_\_\_ out at last. \_\_\_\_\_ Sing!

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S - - - ing fast; Hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

A ing, com - ing fast; Hum - ming, hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

T Sum - mer's com - ing fast; Hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

B Sum - mer's com - ing fast; Hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

25

S bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

A bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

T bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

B bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

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S Loud shouts the cuck - oo; The nest - ed elm a - round,

A Loud shouts the cuck - oo; The nest - ed elm a - round, Wheels

T Loud shouts the cuck - oo; The nest - ed elm a - round,

B Loud shouts the cuck - oo; The nest - ed elm a - round,

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S  
Wheels the rook, caw - ing; There are shad - ows on the ground.

A  
the rook, caw - ing; There are shad - ows on the ground.

T  
Wheels the rook, caw - ing; There are shad - ows on the ground.

B  
Wheels the rook, caw - ing; There are shad - ows on the ground.

37

S  
Warm comes the breeze, and soft, Freez - ing days are past. Then

A  
Warm comes the breeze, and soft, Freez - ing days are past. Then

T  
Warm comes the breeze, and soft, Freez - ing days are past. Then

B  
Warm comes the breeze, and soft, Freez - ing days are past. Then

41

S  
sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's out at last, The bee, the

A  
sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's out at last, The bee, the

T  
sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's out at last, The bee, the

B  
sing! Sum - mer's com - ing! The bee's out at last, The bee, the

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S  
bee's out at last. Sing! Win - ter's fly - ing; Sum - mer's com -

A  
bee's out at last. Sing! Win - ter's fly - ing; Sum - mer's com -

T  
bee's out at last. Sing! Win - ter's fly - ing;

B  
bee's out at last. Sing!

49

S  
- - - ing fast; Hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

A  
ing, com - ing fast; Hum - ming, hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

T  
Sum - mer's com - ing fast; Hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

B  
Sum - mer's com - ing fast; Hum - ming joy and Spring - time, The

53

S  
bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

A  
bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

T  
bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

B  
bee's out at last, the bee's out at last.

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