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Edouard Silas (1827–1909) **Edouard Silas** (1827-1909) was born in Amsterdam. He started his training early, giving his first public performance at age ten. Moving to Paris, he entered the Conservatoire and studied organ and composition. In 1850 he moved to England; first to Liverpool, then to London. He became organist at the Catholic Chapel of Kingston upon Thames and professor of harmony at the Guildhall School of Music and the London Academy of Music. He composed several symphonies, piano concertos, string quartets, an oratorio, many instrumental works, numerous organ works, and a number of part-songs. He died in London.

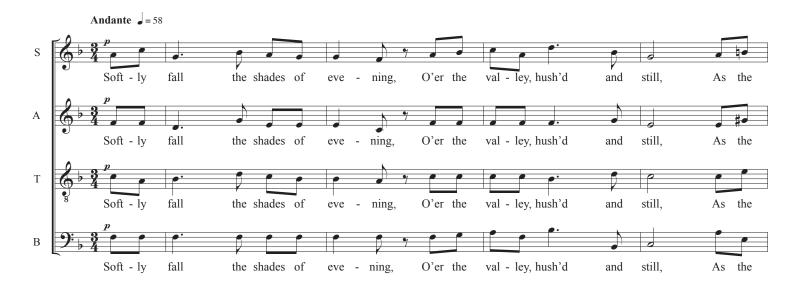
Softly fall the shades of evening, O'er the valley, hushed and still, As the sun's last rays are falling From the distant western hill. Balmy mists have lulled to slumber Weary tenants of the tree; Stars in bright and glorious number Sparkle on the waveless sea.

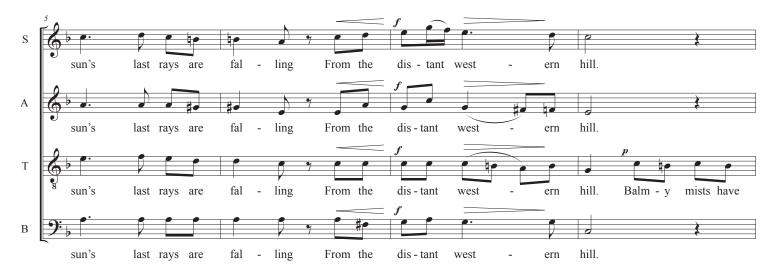
Softly fall the shades of evening On the bosom of the deep; Winds in gentle whispering murmurs Woo the sweet wild flowers to sleep. Far on high the moon ascending, Sheds on all her peaceful beams, From her silv'ry throne she smileth—Smileth on a world of dreams.

W. H. Godfrey

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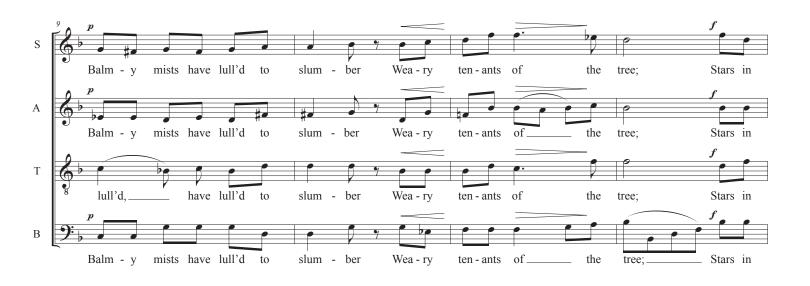
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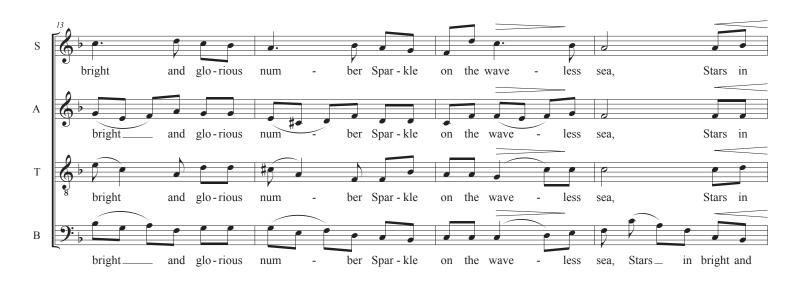


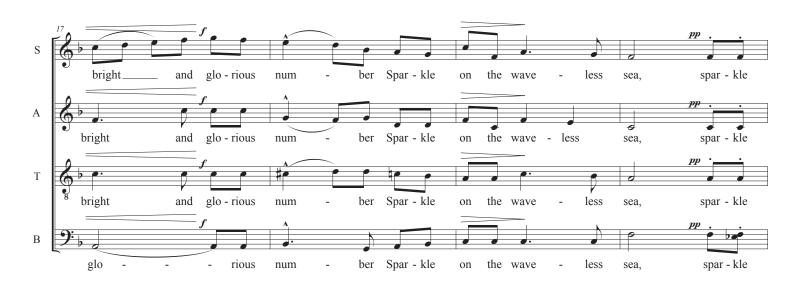




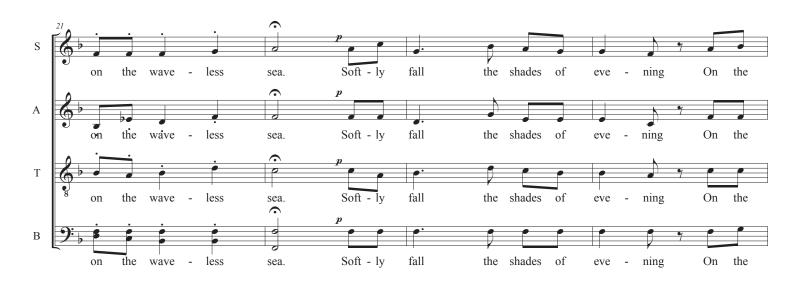
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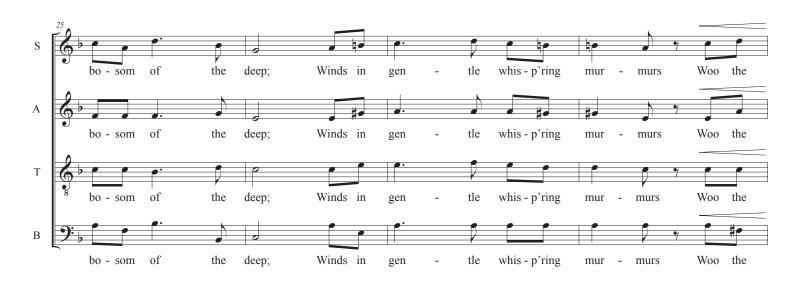


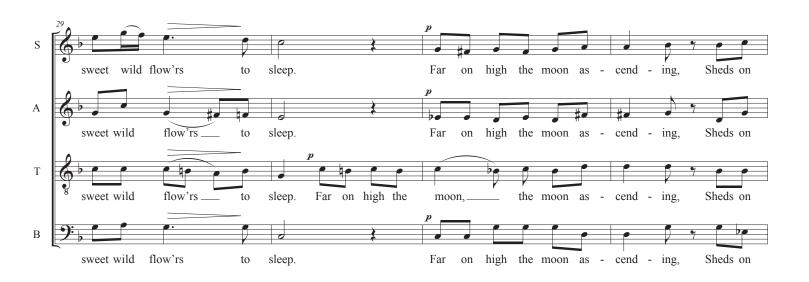


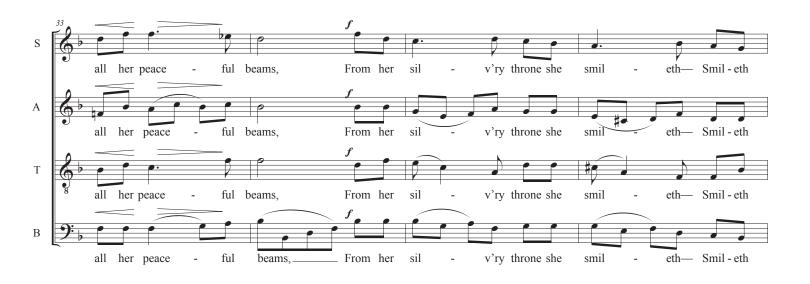


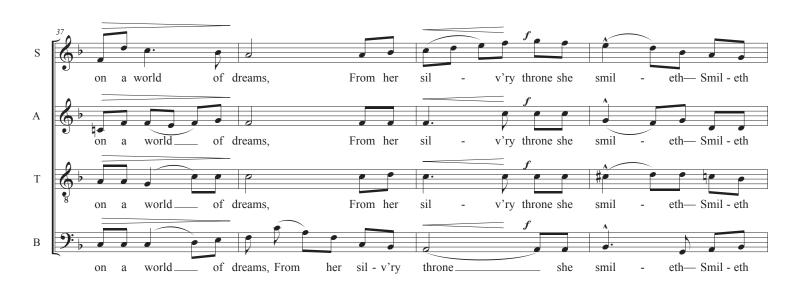
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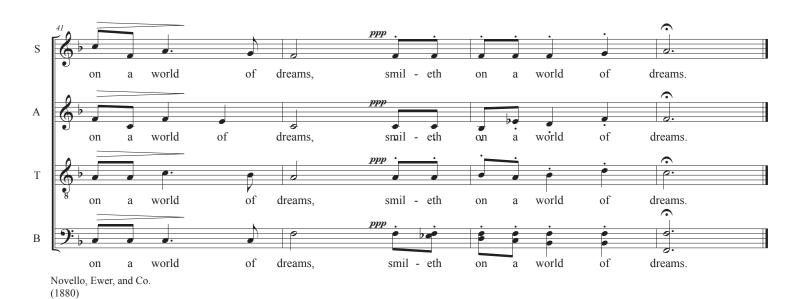












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