



See the rooks are homeward flying

John T. Katton (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.

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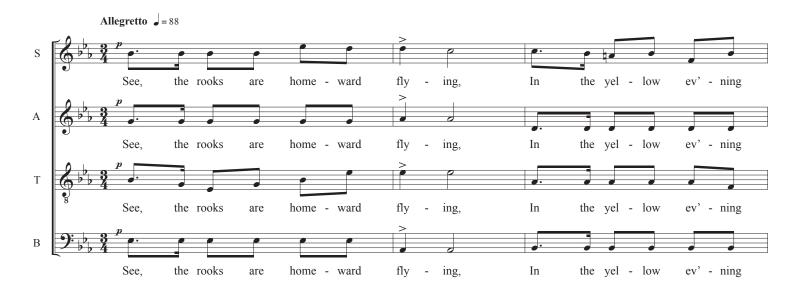
See, the rooks are homeward flying,
In the yellow evening sky,
When the summer sun is setting,
'Mid bright clouds of many a dye.
And the peasant lad all weary
Wends his way across the moor,
With a whistle loud and cheery—
Work is done—the day is o'er.

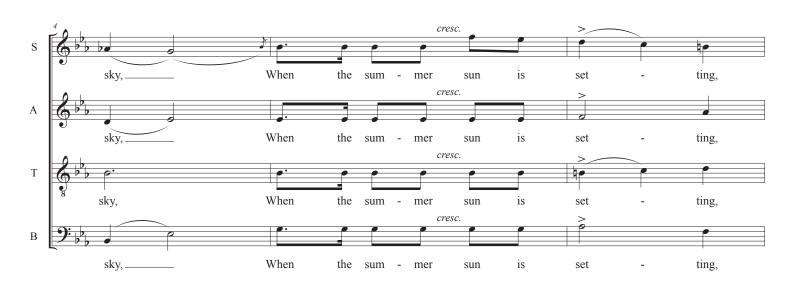
Bees around the hive are humming,
Bringing home their golden store;
Children from their play are coming,
Wearied—they can play no more.
O'er the grass the dew is falling,
Flowers close up their petals bright;
Birds are roosting—friends are calling,
As they pass, "Good night—good night!"

Anon. "Easy Poetry for Children" (1880)

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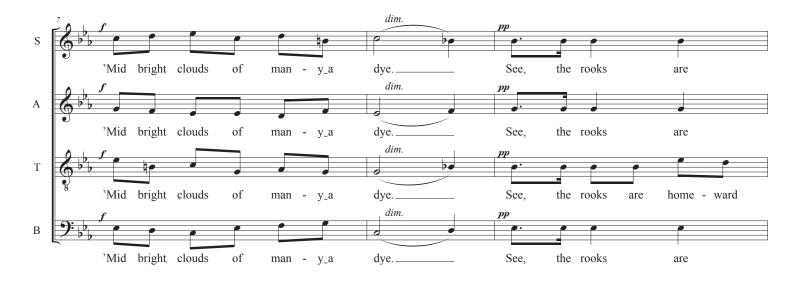
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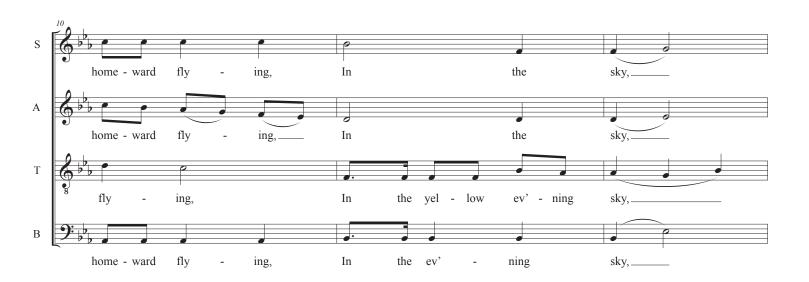


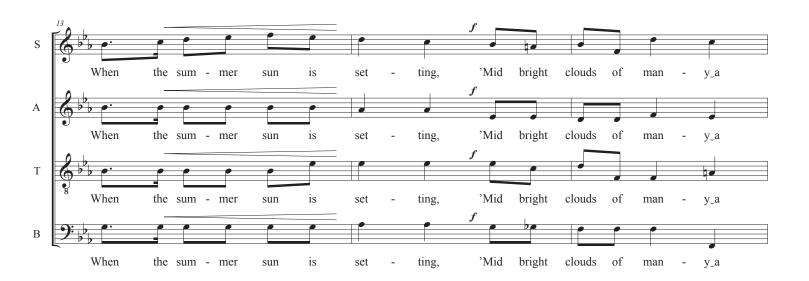


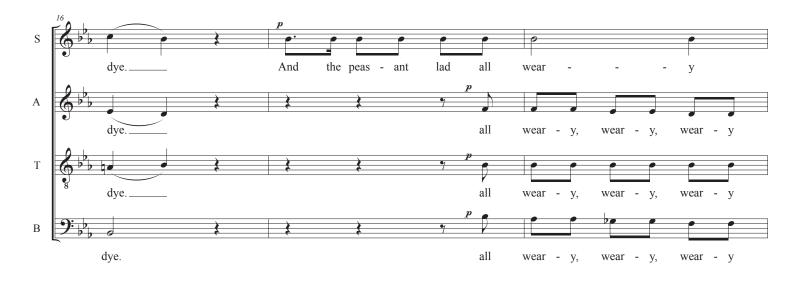


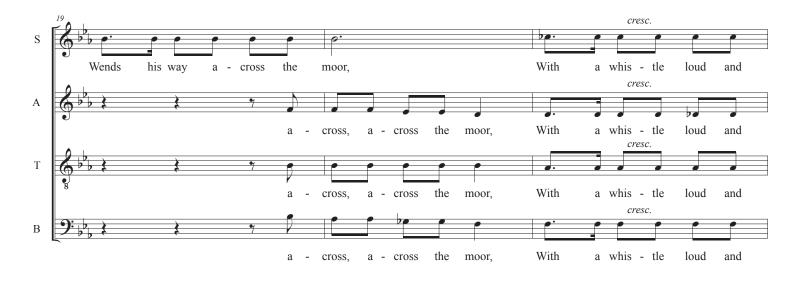
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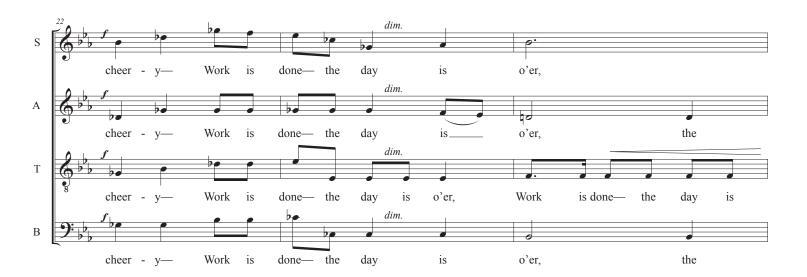


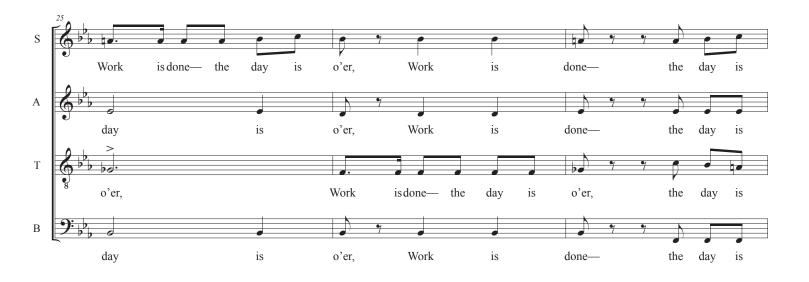


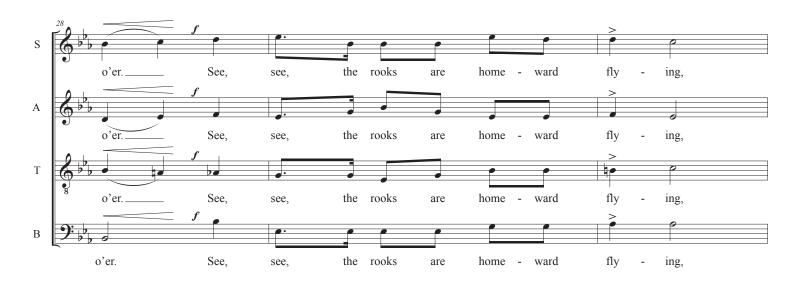


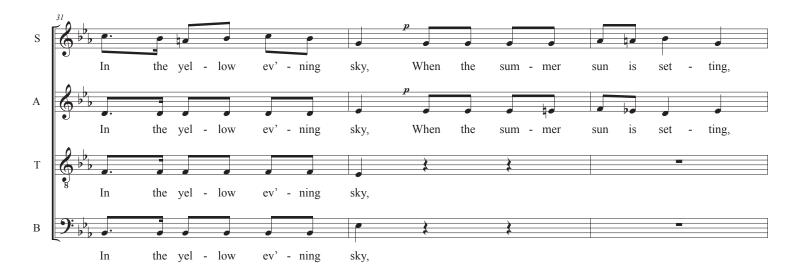


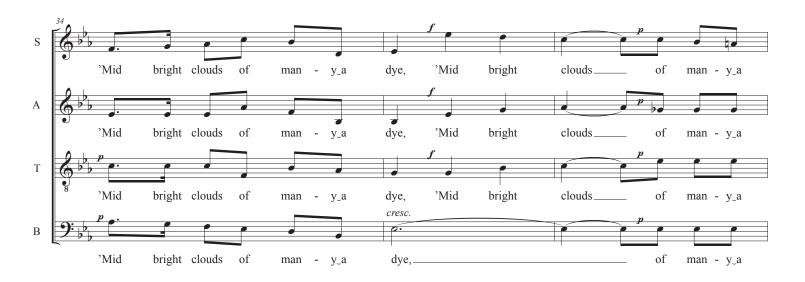


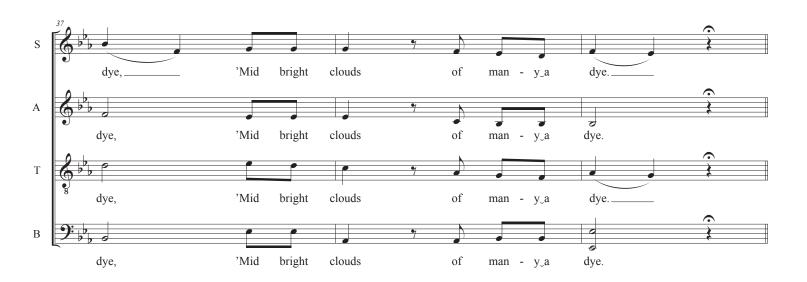


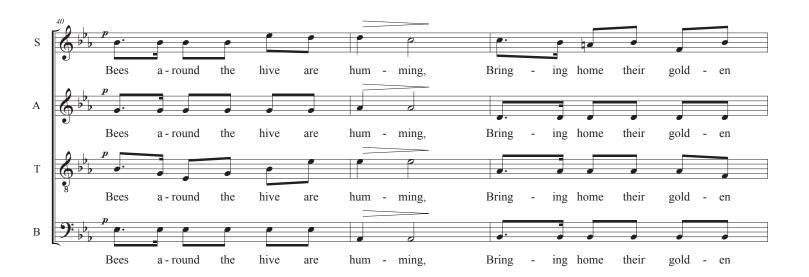


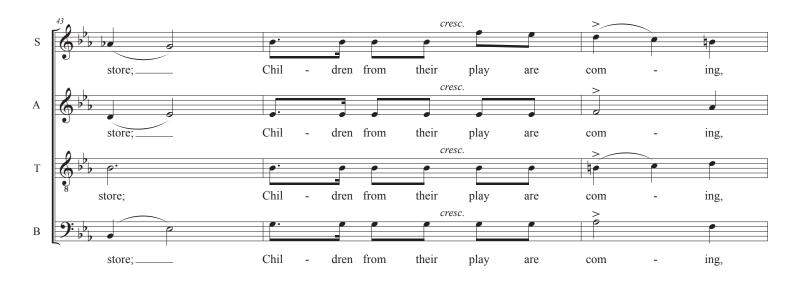


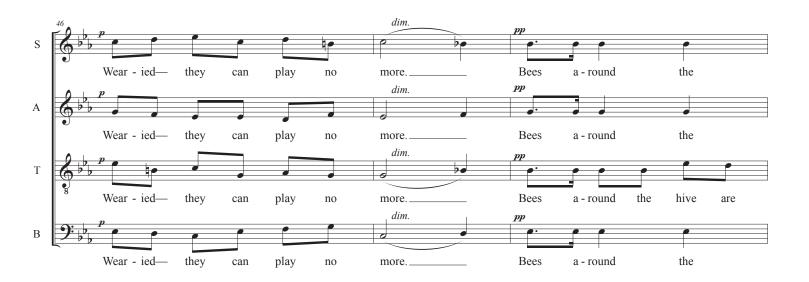


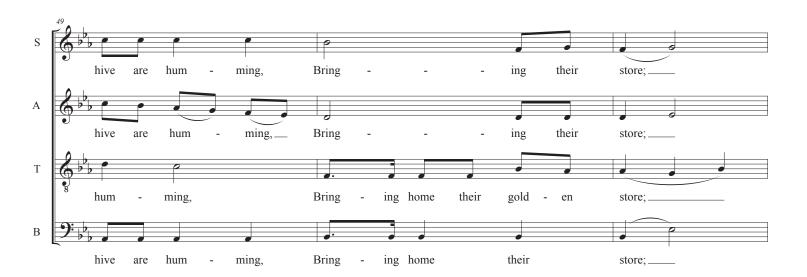


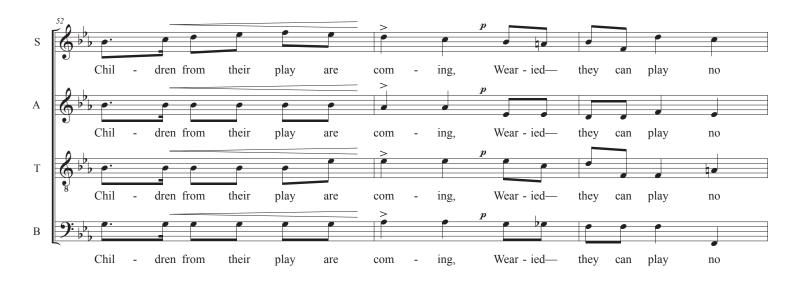


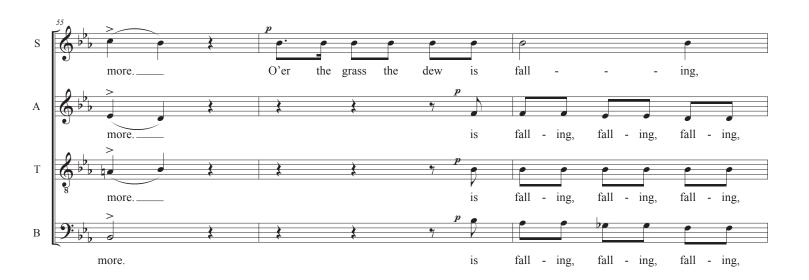


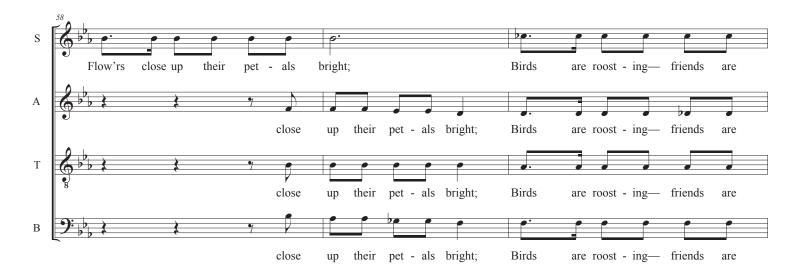


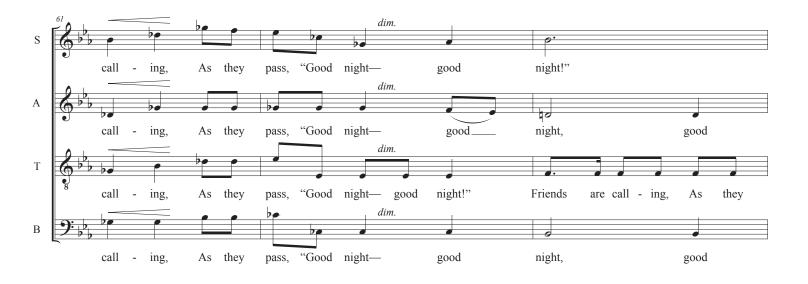


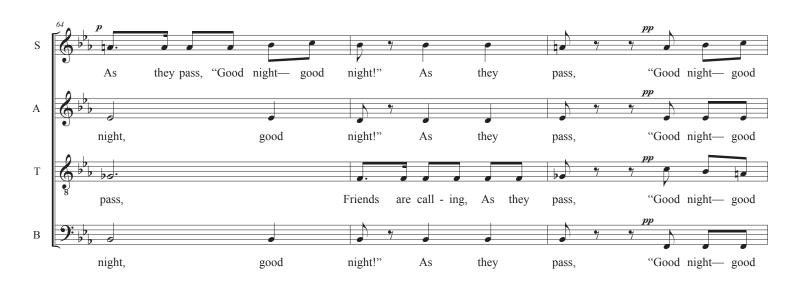


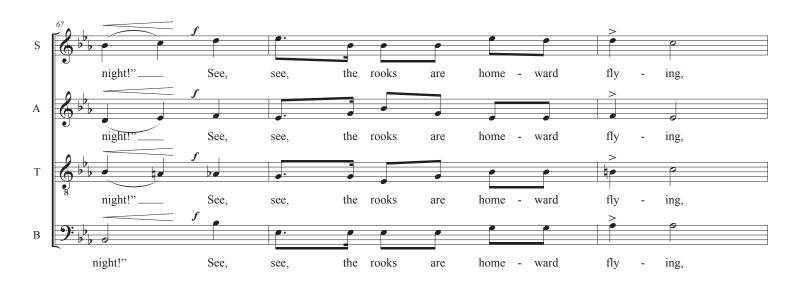


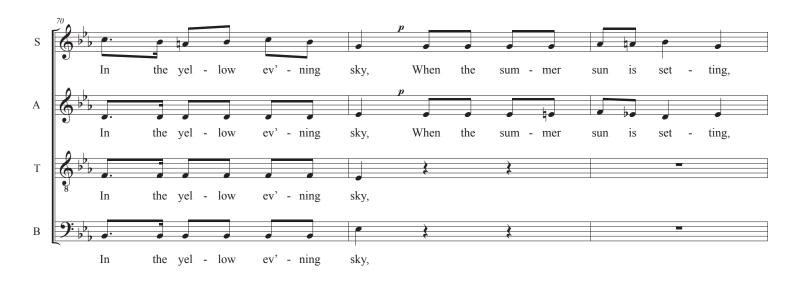


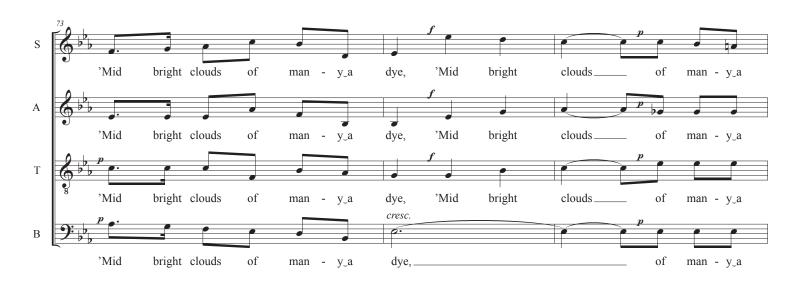


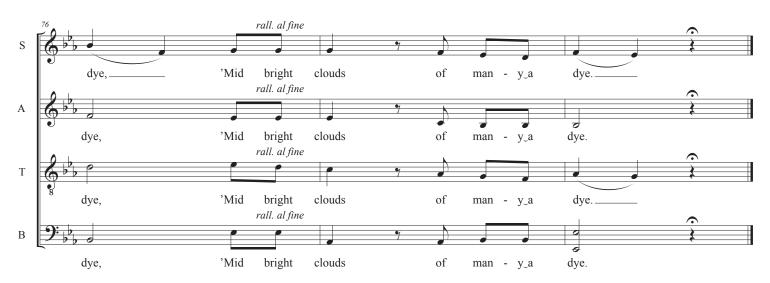












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