



The King and the Miller

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(1847-1919)**

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S
There dwelt a mil - ler, hale and bold, Be - side the riv - er Dee; _____ He

A
There dwelt a mil - ler, hale and bold, Be - side the riv - er Dee; _____ He

T
There dwelt a mil - ler, hale and bold, Be - side the riv - er Dee; _____ He

B
There dwelt a mil - ler, hale and bold, Be - side the riv - er Dee; _____ He

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S
worked and sang from morn till night, No lark more blithe than he. _____ And

A
worked and sang from morn till night, No lark more blithe than he. _____ And

T
worked and sang from morn till night, No lark more blithe than he. _____ And

B
worked and sang from morn till night, No lark more blithe than he. _____ And



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S this the bur - den of his song For - ev - er used to be, _____ "I

A this the bur - den of his song For - ev - er used to be, _____ "I

T this the bur - den of his song For - ev - er used to be, _____ "I

B this the bur - den of his song For - ev - er used to be, _____ "I

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S en - vy no one, no, not I, And no one en - vies me." _____

A en - vy no one, no, not I, And no one en - vies me." _____

T en - vy no one, no, not I, And no one en - vies me." _____

B en - vy no one, no, not I, And no one en - vies me." _____

S "Thou'rt wrong, my friend," said old king Hal, "As wrong as wrong can be; _____ For

A "Thou'rt wrong, my friend," said old king Hal, "As wrong as wrong can be; _____ For

T "Thou'rt wrong, my friend," said old king Hal, "As wrong as wrong can be; _____ For

B "Thou'rt wrong, my friend," said old king Hal, "As wrong as wrong can be; _____ For

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S could my heart be light as thine, I'd glad - ly change with thee. _____ And

A could my heart be light as thine, I'd glad - ly change with thee. _____ And

T could my heart be light as thine, I'd glad - ly change with thee. _____ And

B could my heart be light as thine, I'd glad - ly change with thee. _____ And

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S tell me now, what makes thee sing With voice so loud and free, _____ While

A tell me now, what makes thee sing With voice so loud and free, _____ While

T tell me now, what makes thee sing With voice so loud and free, _____ While

B tell me now, what makes thee sing With voice so loud and free, _____ While

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S I am sad, tho' I am king, Be - side the riv - er Dee??" _____

A I am sad, tho' I am king, Be - side the riv - er Dee??" _____

T I am sad, tho' I am king, Be - side the riv - er Dee??" _____

B I am sad, tho' I am king, Be - side the riv - er Dee??" _____

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S The mil - ler smiled and doffed his cap, "I earn my bread," quoth he; _____ "I

A The mil - ler smiled and doffed his cap, "I earn my bread," quoth he; _____ "I

T The mil - ler smiled and doffed his cap, "I earn my bread," quoth he; _____ "I

B The mil - ler smiled and doffed his cap, "I earn my bread," quoth he; _____ "I

36 S love my wife, I love my friend, I love my chil - dren three. _____ I

A love my wife, I love my friend, I love my chil - dren three. _____ I

T love my wife, I love my friend, I love my chil - dren three. _____ I

B love my wife, I love my friend, I love my chil - dren three. _____ I

40 S owe no one I can - not pay; I thank the riv - er Dee _____ That

A owe no one I can - not pay; I thank the riv - er Dee _____ That

T owe no one I can - not pay; I thank the riv - er Dee _____ That

B owe no one I can - not pay; I thank the riv - er Dee _____ That

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S turns the mill that grinds the corn To feed my babes and me."

A turns the mill that grinds the corn To feed my babes and me."

T turns the mill that grinds the corn To feed my babes and me."

B turns the mill that grinds the corn To feed my babes and me."

S "Good friend," said Hal, and sighed the while, "Fare - well, and hap - py be, But

A "Good friend," said Hal, and sighed the while, "Fare - well, and hap - py be, But

T "Good friend," said Hal, and sighed the while, "Fare - well, and hap - py be, But

B "Good friend," said Hal, and sighed the while, "Fare - well, and hap - py be, But

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S say no more, if thou be true, That no one en - vies thee; Thy

A say no more, if thou be true, That no one en - vies thee; Thy

T say no more, if thou be true, That no one en - vies thee; Thy

B say no more, if thou be true, That no one en - vies thee; Thy

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S
meal - y cap is worth my crown, Thy mill my king - dom's fee; _____ Such

A
meal - y cap is worth my crown, Thy mill my king - dom's fee; _____ Such

T
meal - y cap is worth my crown, Thy mill my king - dom's fee; _____ Such

B
meal - y cap is worth my crown, Thy mill my king - dom's fee; _____ Such

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S
men as thou are En - gland's boast, O mill - er of the Dee!'' _____

A
men as thou are En - gland's boast, O mill - er of the Dee!'' _____

T
men as thou are En - gland's boast, O mill - er of the Dee!'' _____

B
men as thou are En - gland's boast, O mill - er of the Dee!'' _____

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Maro Loomis Bartlett (1847-1919) was born in Brownhelm, Ohio. He studied at Oberlin Conservatory of Music with additional studies in New York City. He was conductor of the Philharmonic Society in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He became a music teacher in the schools of Orange, New Jersey, and director of the Newark Harmonic Society. He also was a music teacher in the schools of New York City, and was a well known bass soloist appearing in oratorios in many cities. Moving to Chicago, Illinois, he was conductor of the Mozart Club, choirmaster of the First Congregational Church, and director of the vocal department of Chicago Musical College. He became head of the music department at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and founded the Des Moines Musical College in 1887, becoming its president and director. He was conductor of the Des Moines Philharmonic Society and conductor of the Apollo Club. He wrote several books on music and composed many hymns and works for pedagogical use. He died in Des Moines.

There dwelt a miller, hale and bold,
Beside the river Dee;
He worked and sang from morn till night,
No lark more blithe than he.
And this the burden of his song
Forever used to be,
“I envy no one, no, not I,
And no one envies me.”

“Thou’rt wrong, my friend,” said old king Hal,
“As wrong as wrong can be;
For could my heart be light as thine,
I’d gladly change with thee.
And tell me now, what makes thee sing
With voice so loud and free,
While I am sad, tho’ I am king,
Beside the river Dee?”

The miller smiled and doffed his cap,
“I earn my bread,” quoth he;
“I love my wife, I love my friend,
I love my children three.
I owe no one I cannot pay;
I thank the river Dee
That turns the mill that grinds the corn
To feed my babes and me.”

“Good friend,” said Hal, and sighed the while,
“Farewell, and happy be,
But say no more, if thou be true,
That no one envies thee;
Thy mealy cap is worth my crown,
Thy mill my kingdom’s fee;
Such men as thou are England’s boast,
O miller of the Dee!”

Traditional English folksong from Chester

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