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The Progressive Music Series recognizes three well-defined periods of development during the child's school life — the Sensory, the Associative, and the Adolescent Periods. Books One, Two, and Three, with the accompanying volumes for teachers, cover the work of the Sensory and the Associative Periods, extending from the first grade into the seventh grade. Book Four is designed

for pupils in the Adolescent Period.

The time of transition to adolescence, characterized by the changing voices of the boys, varies in different communities. In many places this change is sufficiently marked to demand consideration in the latter half of the seventh grade, occasionally in the first half of the seventh grade, and often it is not noticeable until the eighth grade. Therefore Book Four is so planned that it may be introduced at the beginning or in the middle of grade seven, or the introduction may be postponed until the beginning of grade eight. Book Three, also, has been planned to meet these variable conditions.

The three principal problems involved in the musical development of students in the Adolescent Period are: first, the selection of music which expresses the emotions characteristic of this period; second, the cultivation of a discriminating appreciation of the elements which constitute good music; and third, the adaptation of the song material to the unsettled voices

of the young singers.

The Adolescent Period is a time of rapid physical growth, with a corresponding mental and physical lassitude. The period marks the maturing of the child into young manhood or womanhood and is accompanied by changes in the mental life as radical as those manifested in the physical life. The emotions dominate the individual; in fact, the whole significance of adolescence is emotional; strong social, moral, and religious convictions are prominent characteristics. In these years the molding of character, the development of high ideals, and the forming of good taste and artistic discrimination are of great importance. In the Adolescent Period it is not wise to insist upon too exact details, involving much repetition. Encouragement rather than criticism is needed; inspired leadership rather than critical authority. The music selected should make a strong appeal to the emotional side of the adolescent pupil, and should hold the interest through sheer beauty of melody and

appealing harmony. The texts of the songs are also of vital importance; they should not only be of the highest literary value, but they should express the deep, fundamental emotions of humanity. Much singing, with constant play on the feelings, is the keynote of success. In Book Four all the songs are of a type to appeal to the adolescent pupil and to provide a medium for the ex-

pression of his unfolding emotions.

In the development of musical appreciation, a study of some of the larger instrumental works will prove both interesting and profitable. The inclusion of a number of themes from compositions by the classic composers suggests a plan whereby the student may be trained to follow the form-structure and the thematic development of these works. By listening, with the theme before him, to a composition from which one of these selections is taken, the student will readily learn to note the recurrence of the theme even when it appears in varied garb. The teacher can extend this type of work by writing upon the blackboard similar excerpts from other available instrumental works. Those in the book are not intended to be exhaustive but merely suggest the manner in which the themes may be shown. Many of these great compositions may be studied by means of the graphophone and the piano player, which have an important mission to perform in the development of musical taste. Time may also profitably be devoted to the study of the great composers as the equals of other men of achievement. An interest in their work is enhanced by such study and the pupil's viewpoint of life and of history is broadened.

The plan by which the voices of the adolescent students are conserved and the method through which the pupils acquire the ability to sing in four parts are given in the Outline of the work of Book Four. As previously indicated, no outline of music study for adolescent pupils can be the same for all localities on account of the varying conditions of the boys' voices. Ample material, however, to meet all requirements will be found in this book. The arrangement of the chapters conforms to the needs of the majority of places, but where unusual conditions occur the Supervisor must meet them by rearrang-

ing the outline.

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OUTLINE OF THE WORK OF BOOK FOUR

Book Four is in three parts. Part One offers a systematic plan for the development of four-part singing, carefully recognizing the vocal limitations of adolescent pupils. Special attention is given to the treatment of bass and tenor (alto-tenor) voices. Part Two consists of miscellaneous songs and choruses. These may be used for recreational or general singing, or as additional material for working out the problems of Part One. Part Three presents a number of standard hymns and national and patriotic songs for assembly singing and special occasions.

The plan of work of Part One is shown by the chapter headings. (See

Table of Contents, page 2.)

Chapters I and II consist of solos, duets, and trios for unchanged voices

and involve no new technical problems.

Chapter III introduces the bass part. The diagram on page 43 shows the relationship between the bass and treble staves. Following this are several songs, printed on two staves, to be sung in unison, the unchanged voices singing from the treble staff, and the bass voices from the bass staff. The remainder of the chapter includes songs for bass voices. Where there are only a few bass singers, the unchanged voices sometimes may be allowed to sing with the basses, though, of course, an octave higher.

Chapter IV comprises a number of three-part songs for soprano, alto, and bass, giving the newly-developed bass voices their first practice in part singing.

Chapter V introduces the tenor part. The first song is written on two staves and shows that the lower tones of the alto voices are exactly the same in pitch as the upper tones of the tenor part. Additional songs for tenor voices are included, and there is also a four-part song in which the tenor is duplicated by a low part for the altos. As very few real tenor voices will be found in the upper grammar grades, most of the music written for the tenor must be sung by alto-tenor voices, i.e., boys whose voices are in the changing process. The music provided for the tenor part is therefore limited in compass.

Chapter VI provides a number of four-part songs on two staves, the sopranos and altos singing from the treble staff, the alto-tenors and basses from the bass staff. In addition, the hymns and national songs of Part Three may be used for supplementary work, as they provide most excellent drill in fourpart singing. Indeed the study of well-written four-part hymns is one of the best exercises that can be given to youthful students of part singing.

Chapter VII illustrates another method of writing for tenor voices; the tenor part is written with the G clef, but the voices sing an octave lower than the written notes. Much of the choral music of the day is printed in this form.

Chapter VIII offers songs for boys' voices. It includes songs in three parts—tenor, baritone, and bass—and songs in four parts—first and second tenor and first and second bass. In these songs the alto-tenor voices should sing the upper part, the heaviest voices should sing the lowest part, and the inner parts should be assigned to voices of medium range.

A few general suggestions may be helpful in planning the work of the seventh and eighth grades.

First: The appearance of bass voices indicates that the study of the bass part should be begun. If the class includes bass voices when Book Four is introduced, the study of Chapter III need not be delayed until Chapters I and II are finished but may be pursued by the basses while the unchanged voices

are studying the preceding chapters.

Second: When some of the boys who have been singing alto find difficulty in carrying the upper tones of that part, it usually indicates that they should be classed as alto-tenors. This is the signal for the study of Chapter V, followed by Chapter VI. In the rare instances where no bass voices have yet appeared, this procedure should still be followed by the alto-tenors. In most places an instrument can supply the bass part, and in the meantime the altotenors are learning to carry a real tenor part.

Third: The singing of unison songs by each voice-part develops the youthful voices and stimulates the interest of the student. Because of the unifying of the tone-body of the part, it is one of the best preparations for part singing.

Fourth: The interest of the boys will be stimulated by drawing on the material of Chapter VIII. The teacher need not wait until the completion of the previous chapters, but may use these songs whenever occasion arises.

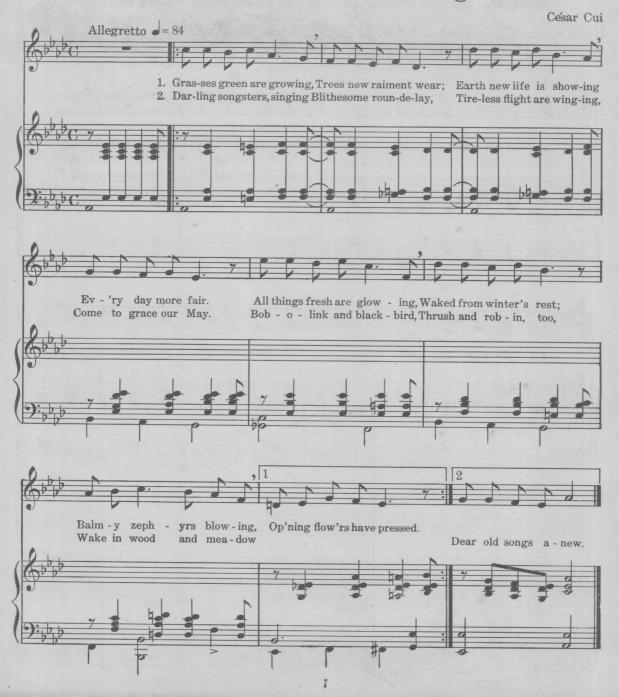
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CLASSIFIED SONGS AND CHORUSES

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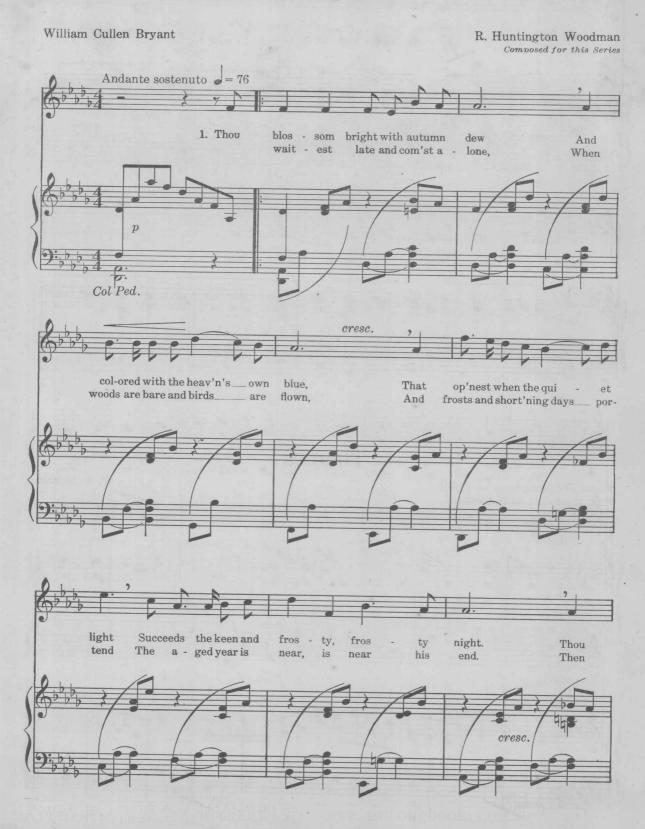
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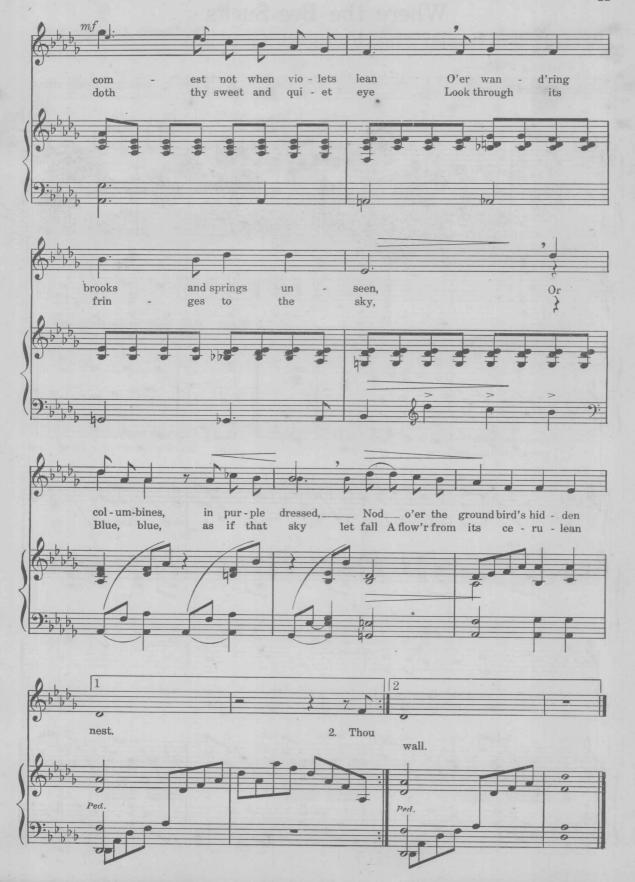
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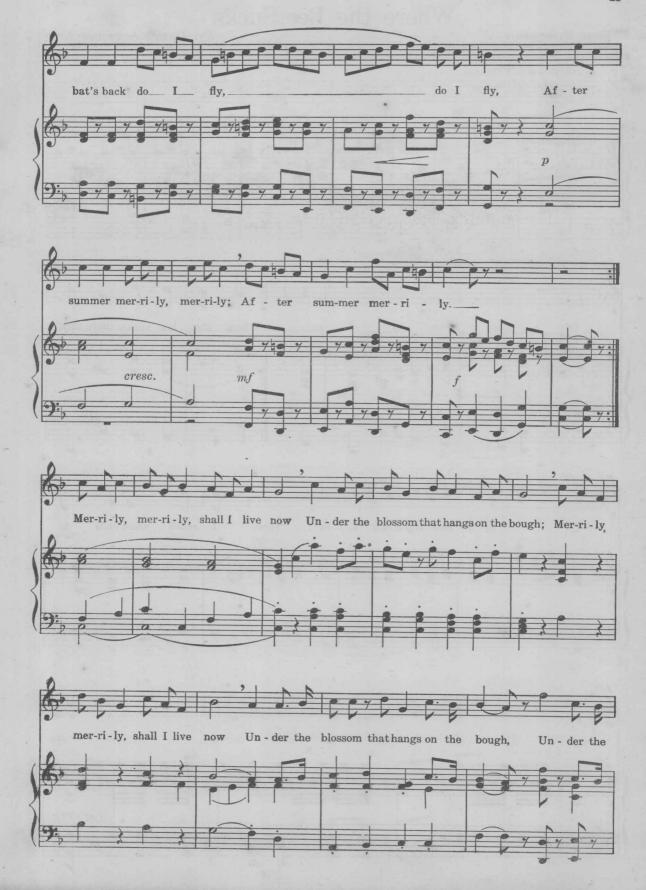
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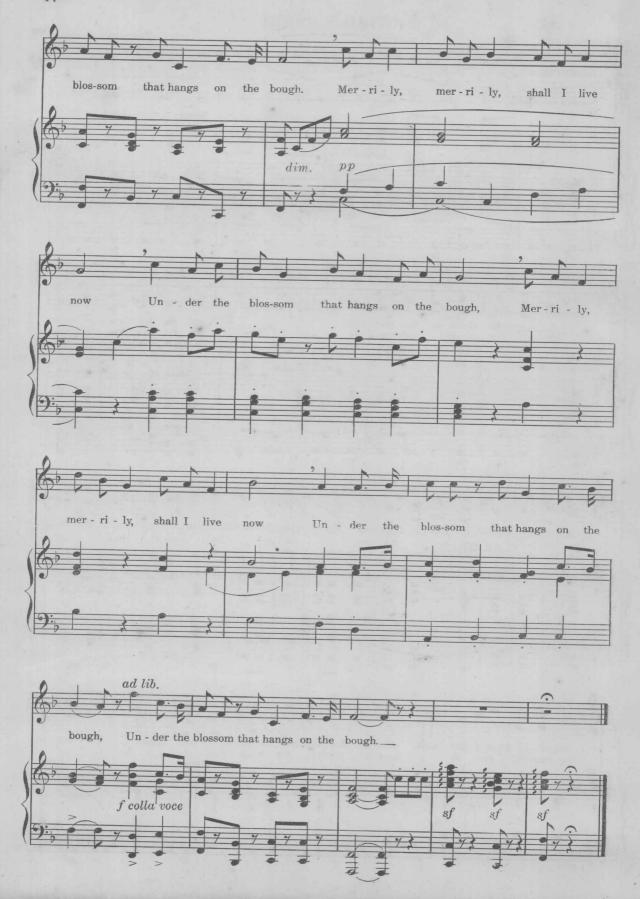




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