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#### INTRODUCTION

LAUREL SONGS FOR JUNIORS is the fulfilment of a long-cherished purpose to bring a higher standard of music into the Junior classes (unchanged voices) of the public schools. It does not embody any "Method" in the generally accepted sense of the term. It does not contain a song that has been chosen for any reason save that of genuine merit and living interest. The aim of the editor has been to make a collection of beautiful songs which shall influence and inspire young students and direct them in the pursuit of the vital things in music.

The ideal purpose of the book is to contribute to the growth of individuality and character. To this end songs have been selected which provide for free and spontaneous expression of all the normal moods and activities of young people; songs of joy, humor, hope, courage, sympathy, devotion, ecstasy, aspiration and achievement; songs of action and the dance; of Nature

and "the great out-of-doors."

The book teaches an exalted conception of human relations, in songs of altruism, freedom, comradeship, goodness, brotherhood and peace; and sounds a high note of patriotism, as for example, in Lanier's "America," wherein the poet promises glorious fame to our beloved land so long

"... as thine Eagle harm no dove; Long as thy law by law shall grow; Long as thy God is God above, Thy brother ev'ry man below."

An aim of the book has been to express "The People" in music — one of the truest forms of community effort and service — our America, the hope of an ideal humanity, with its Washington, Lincoln, and all the heroes of patriotic endeavor whose achievements are made the occasion of public recognition.

The Key-Note throughout is Joy and Courage and the unquenchable optimism of the American spirit which is the very heart of Childhood.

The book is enriched by a number of compositions by American composers and it is gratifying to note that they have all been written in terms of youth and young comprehension. These songs, which have been composed to the carefully selected texts of over twenty immortal poets, mostly American, form an especially notable contribution to the American spirit of the book. Attention is also directed to the distinctive American songs of the Folk and ballad type, some of which appear for the first time for schools in this volume.

Folk music is further represented by examples from various nations. We have a great population of foreign origin. We should not encourage them to forget the land of their birth or ancestry, but to cherish sacred memories and traditions, thus fostering sentiments which rightly directed will create a new love and devotion for the America of their adoption. The influence of music is exerted not only on the children themselves, but through them on the parents. In this connection, attention is further directed to the home songs which are introduced advisedly into this book. The music of these selections will make them popular with young people, although the full meaning expressed in the texts will not appear until in later years, but these choice songs will be sung outside of the schools, and particularly in

the homes, where their deeper meaning will be felt, thus fulfilling one great aim of the editor: to make music the greatest possible force for good through-

out the entire community.

The artistic value of the book is shown in its representative melodies of a large number of the master composers, and thirty compositions by contemporary American composers; and also in the nature of the arrangements, all of which are in perfect adaptations of harmony, and many of which are in attractive forms of simple counterpoint. The arrangements in counterpoint, in which each voice has a melody, constitute a unique feature of this collection. In daily instruction the thoughtful teacher will see to it that the melodic line in the subordinate parts is clearly developed. An excellent study, both for reading and interpretation, is for the class to sing the contrapuntal melodies separately, either before or after the parts are taken in harmony.

The songs are in unison, two parts and three parts, and the nature of the melody has determined the form in which the song is used; as, for example, the three part songs are natural three-part songs, the two-part songs are natural two-part songs, and the unison songs are natural unison songs.

The book contains numerous lullabies and songs in legato movement, all of which are of special value in the development of breath control, sustained phrasing and of moods conducive to perfect tone quality. In this and every other possible way the editor has made provision for the care

and preservation of the voices of young children.

A safe compass has been regarded as lying between B and E, and a majority of the songs are within this limitation, although B<sup>b</sup> and F are freely used; and A, A<sup>b</sup> and an occasional G (alto) are introduced in the last half of the book for the limited compass of the lowering voice; but the extremes of compass do not call for sustained or loud effects. Opportunities are provided for development of the full range of the voice by frequent interchanges of melody.

While the book does not aim to work out any gradation method, it will nevertheless be found of great usefulness in technical instruction, inasmuch as it embodies and illustrates practically all the essentials of musical technique for study in these grades, as for example, the various movements,

intervals, progressions, and keys, major and minor.

The most important of the arrangements have been made by Mr. N. Clifford Page, a musician of exceptional attainments, through whose imagination and sympathy the familiar melodies present a new significance without

loss of their original charm and appeal.

Especial attention has been given to the important consideration of texts in the editing of this volume, both as to content and the adaptability of words to music, and acknowledgment is made in this connection to Mr. David Stevens for distinctive and invaluable service in the literary editorship of the book.

The book is issued in the students' edition (vocal parts only), and the teach-

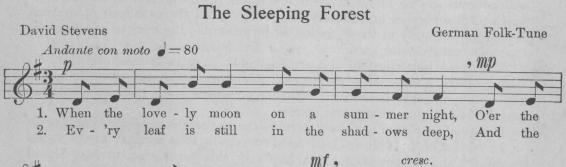
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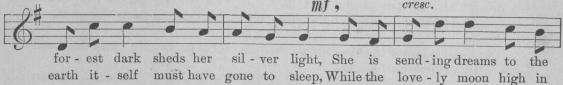
Finally, LAUREL SONGS FOR JUNIORS is issued, not simply as another collection of songs, but as a collection of songs to be used with a definite end in view, namely, to add to joy and beauty and spiritual vitality in the growth of American individuality and character.

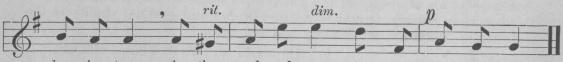
THE EDITOR AND PUBLISHERS.

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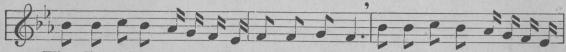


sleep-ing trees, As they nod and sway in the eve-ning breeze. heav-en gleams, Send-ing down to all bright and sil-v'ry dreams.





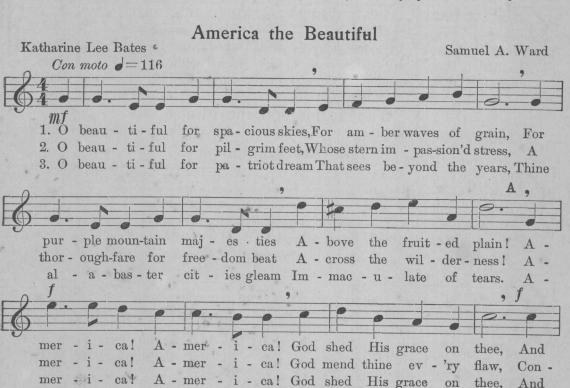
- 1. Lav en der's blue, dil ly, dil ly, lav en der's green,
- 2. Call up your men, dil ly, dil ly, set them to work,
- 3. If it should hap, dil ly, dil ly, if it should chance,



When I'm a King,dil-ly, dil-ly, you shall be Queen; Who told you so, dil-ly,dil-ly, Some with a rake, dil-ly, dil-ly,some with a fork; Some to make hay, dil-ly,dil-ly, We shall be gay, dil-ly, dil-ly, we shall both dance; Laven-der's blue,dil-ly,dil-ly,



who told you so? 'Twas mine own heart, dil-ly, dil-ly, that told me so. some to thresh corn, While you and I, dil-ly, dil-ly, keep our-selves warm. lav - en - der's green, When I'm a King, dil-ly, dil-ly, you shall be Queen.

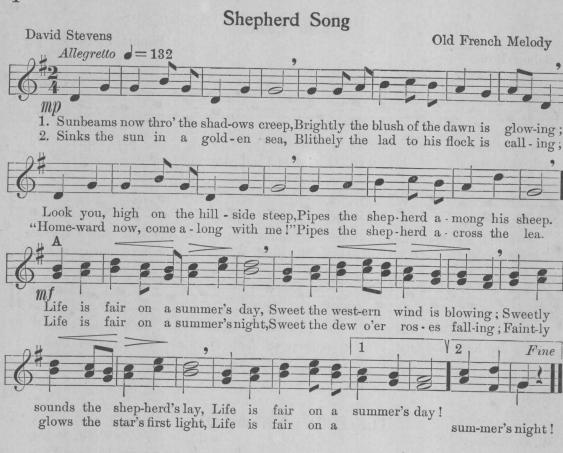


crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea shin - ing sea! firm thy soul in self - con-trol, Thy lib er - ty law! crown thy good with broth - er - hood, From sea shin - ing to sea!

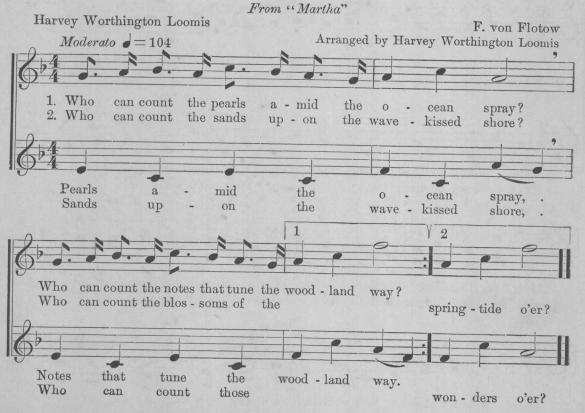
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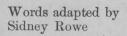






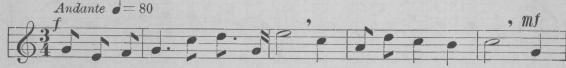


#### Our Land

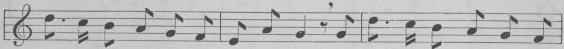


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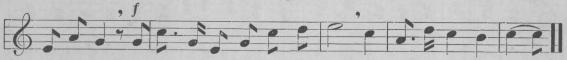
Finnish Patriotic Song Friedrich Pacius



- 1. Our land, our land, dear Fa ther-land! Thy glo ry we pro claim! We
- 2. Our land, our land, proud Fa ther-land! Thou dear and sa cred name! Where



love thy hills and fond-ly-cher-ish'd shore, Our hearts and faith are thine for beats the broth-er's heart with warm-er glow? What brav-er sons of men dwell



ev - er-more; We hail thy con - se - cra - ted name, Dear land, our Fa - ther - land! here be - low? May God a-bove pre-serve thy fame, Dear land, our Fa - ther - land!

#### The Bells of Aberdovey

W. G. Rothery

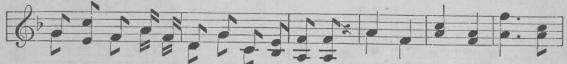
Welsh Melody Arranged by John Vance



- 1. Lis-ten to the sil-v'ry bells Ring-ing o'er the dis-tant dells, Ding, dong, dong,
- 2. When the hap-py day is done, "Work is o ver, rest is won, Go to slum-ber



Ding, dong, ding, dong, ding dong, O'er dis-tant dells,—Ding, dong, ding, dong, ding dong, Your rest is won.



Ding,dong,ding,Ring the bells of A - ber - do - vey. Ding,dong, ding, dong, Sil - v'ry with the sun,"Ring the bells of A - ber - do - vey. Ding,dong, ding, dong, Sil - v'ry

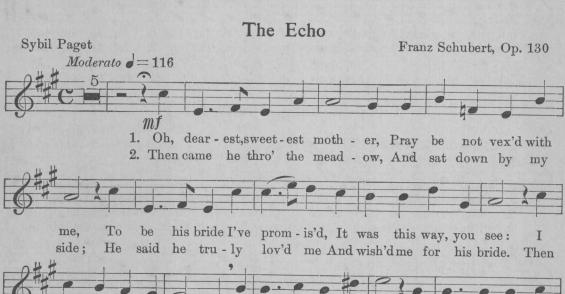


bells; Of peace and rest their chim-ing tells, The bells of A - ber - do - vey.



no com-pan-ions are, Up - on the care-less air your smiles be-stow-ing?" full en-joy-ment yield And bring me more de - light than words can meas-ure." lone-li-ness to cheer, The cares of life are light when comrades bear them!"





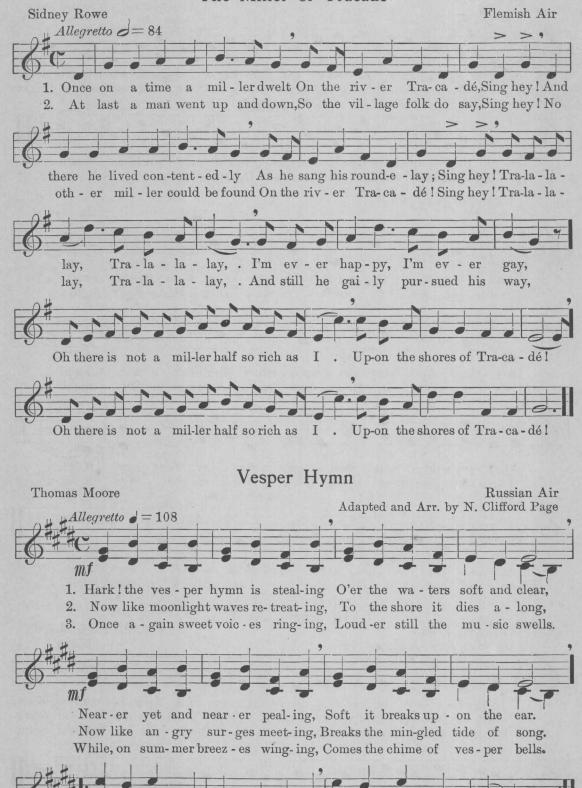
sat there in the mead - ow, He saw and came up near, And called: "Shall I be begged me for my an-swer, With heart and eyes a - glow, And said to me, "I



wel-come ?""Be wel-come !"cried Ech-o, loud and clear, Cried Ech-o, loud and clear. love thee!""I love thee!"cried Ech-o, soft and low, Cried Ech-o, soft and low.



#### The Miller of Tracadé



te! Ju - bi - la - te! Ju - bi - la - te!

A

men!

Ju - bi - la

#### The Vision

(" Where there is no Vision, the People perish.")

#### Thanksgiving Prayer

Cordelia Brooks Fenno Anon.

Netherlands Air

Andante con moto = 104



- 1. Great hearts that have bat-tled in a - ges be-hind us, For love of their
- A her it-age no ble that bids us be wor-thy, Be brave and be of our fa-thers, This realm that ex-Oh, what shall we make it, this land
- We gath er to-geth er to ask the Lord's blessing, He chast-ens and 2. Be - side
- us to guide us, our God with us join ing, Or-dain ing, maindo ex - tol Thee, Thou Lead-er in bat - tle, And pray that Thou



coun-try, for Jus-tice and Right, Be-held in a Vi-sion, a . Peo - ple tri strong with the strength of the Truth; A task fit for he -roes, for . high - est en pand eth from sea un-to sea? Be ours the fair Vi-sion, the fair - er ful -

has-tens His will to make known; The wicked op-press-ing cease them from distain-ing His king-dom di - vine, So from the be-gin-ning the . fight we were still our De -fend - er wilt be. Let Thy congre-ga - tion es - cape trib-u -



umph - ant, The shad - ows of dark Er - ror dis - pers'd by deav - or, A task for ev - 'ry one of us, maid - en the Light. and youth. Na - tion shin - ing glo - ri - ous, might - y and free!

tress - ing, Sing prais - es to Hisname, He for-gets not His own. win - ning, Thou, Lord, wast at our side, Let the glo - ry be Thine! la - tion; Thy name be ev - er prais'd! and Thy peo - ple be free!

#### Cuckoo, Welcome Your Song

From the German

German Melody Arranged by N. Clifford Page



Wel-come your song! Win - ter is go - ing, 2. Cuck - 00, Cuck - oo. Loud your notes ring! Joy - ous - ly swell - ing,



Soft breez - es blow - ing, Spring - time, spring-time soon will be Glad - ly fore - tell - ing, Spring - time, spring-time, beau - ti - ful spring!



#### On the Mountain Height





Ring, ching, Ring, ching, Ring out, ye bells, Oh, ring out, ye bells, Oh, Ring out, ye bells!



Ring, ching, ching, ching, ching, Ring out, ye bells, As I play on my Span -ish Gui - tar, La, la!

#### Oh! Susanna

Edited by Henry Snow Moderato = 100

S. C. Foster



1. I . came from Al - a - ba - ma with My ban - jo on my knee, I'm It . rained all day the night I left, The weath -er was so dry;

a dream the oth - er night When ev - 'ry-thing was still, I . The red, red rose was in her hand, The tear was in her eye, I .



going to Loui - si - a - na, My Su-san - na for to see. sun so hot I froze my-self, Su-san-na don't you cry. thought I saw Su-san-na come a-saunt'ring down the hill. said: "I come from Dix-ie-land, Su-san -na don't you cry."

Oh, Su-san-na! Oh,

Oh, Su-san-na! Oh,



don't you cry for me, For I come from Al-a - ba - ma With my ban-jo on my knee.

#### The Ancient Soldier

Frederick H. Martens

Allegretto = 96

Norwegian Folk-Song



- 1. There sat an an-cient sol - dier be-neath the vil-lage oak. Of
- The cry was "Up and com ing!" our reg i ment's de vice. In -
- Oh yes, 'twas "Up and com ing!" our glo-rious bat-tle cry! None 4. 'Twas then
- an an-cient dame to the vil lage oak drew near."Come,



bat - tles he had fought and won While serv-ing great Na - po - le - on, the bat-tle's thick we flew, If but our Em-p'ror bade us to, In but Na - po -leon's self has pow'r To bring it to my lips this hour! None Hen - ry, milk the cow,"said she; That gren - a - dier, pray what said he? That



tles he had foughtand won, To those a - round he spoke. bat - tle's thick we flew, No need to to tell twice! Na - po - leon's self has pow'r, Just let but an - oth try! gren - a - dier, pray what said he?"Yes, up and com- ing,