

Charles Kingsley
(1819-75)

The starlings

George Alexander Macfarren
(1813-87)

allegretto non tanto 5

Soprano *f* 1. Ear-ly in spring— time, on— raw and win-dy

Alto *f* 1. Ear-ly in spring - time, on raw and win-dy

Tenor *f* 1. Ear-ly in— spring— time, on— raw and win-dy

Bass *f* 1. Ear— ly in spring - time, on raw and win - dy mor -

Accomp. *f*

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S morn-ings, Be - neath the *sf* freez-ing house-eaves I heard the star-lings sing,

A mor-nings, Be - neath the *sf* freez-ing house-eaves I heard the star-lings sing *p* Ah—

T mor-nings, Be - neath the *sf* freez-ing house-eaves I heard the star-lings sing,

B nings, Be - neath the *sf* freez-ing house-eaves I heard the star-lings sing,

sf *p*

15 20

S *p* Ah drea-ry March month, *f* Is this then a time for build-ing

A drea-ry March month, Ah *f* Is this then a time for build-ing

T *p* Ah drea-ry March month, *f* Is this then a time for build-ing

B *p* Ah drea-ry March month, *f* Is this then a time for build-ing

p *f*

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S *dim.* wea-ri - ly? wea-ri - ly, *p* wea-__ ri - ly, *sf* Sad, sad__ to think that the year is

A *dim.* wea-ri - ly, wea-__ ri - ly, *p* wea-__ ri - ly, Sad to think that the year is

T *dim.* wea-ri - ly? wea-ri - ly, *p* wea-__ ri - ly, Sad to think that the year is

B *dim.* wea-ri - ly? wea-ri - ly, *p* wea - ri - ly, Sad to think that the year is

dim. *p* *sf*

30 35

S but _____ be - gun, Sad, sad,

A but be - gun, sad, sad to think, to think that the year, the year_ is

T but be - gun, sad, sad to think, to think that the year, the year is

B but be - gun, sad, sad to think, to think that the year, the year_ is

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S *f* but be - gun, _____ *pp* the year_ is but be - gun. _____

A *f* but be - gun, _____ *pp* the year_ is but be - gun. _____

T *f* but be - gun, _____ *pp* the year_ is but be - gun. _____

B *f* but be - gun, _____ *pp* the year_ is but be - gun. _____

f *pp*

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S *pp* 2. Late in the Au- tumn, on

A *pp* 2. Late in the Au - tumn, on

T *pp* 2. Late in the Au- tumn, on

B 2. Late in the Au - tumn, on still and cloud - less

pp

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S still and cloud-less eve- nings, A - mong the gol- den reed-beds I heard the star-ling sing.

A still and cloud-less eve - nings, A - mong the gol- den reed-beds I heard the star-ling sing.

T still and cloud-less eve - nings, A - mong the gol- den reed-beds I heard the star-ling sing.

B eve - nings, A - mong the gol- den reed-beds I heard the star-ling sing.

55 60

S *f*Ah! that sweet March month, *p* When we and our mates were

A *f*Ah! that sweet March month, *p*Ah! When we and our mates were

T *f*Ah! that sweet March month, *p* When we and our mates were

B *f*Ah! that sweet March month, *p* When we and our mates were

f *p*

65 *cresc.*

S court-ing mer-ri-ly? mer-ri-ly, *f*mer-ri-ly, *p* Sad, sad to think that the

A court-ing mer-ri-ly? mer-ri-ly, *f*mer-ri-ly, *p* Sad to think that the

T court-ing mer-ri-ly? mer-ri-ly, *f*mer-ri-ly, *p* Sad to think that the

B court-ing mer-ri-ly? mer-ri-ly, *f*mer-ri-ly, *p* Sad to think that the

cresc. *f* *p*

70 75

S year is all _____ but done, all, all,

A year is all but done, Sad, sad to think, to think that the year, the

T year_ is all but done, Sad, sad to think, to think that the year, the

B year is all but done, Sad, sad to think, to think that the year, the

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S *f* all but done, _____ *pp* the year_ is all but done. _____

A year_ is *f* all but done, _____ *pp* the year_ is all but done. _____

T year is *f* all but done, _____ *pp* the year_ is all but done. _____

B year_ is *f* all but done, _____ *pp* the year_ is all but done. _____