

SONGS OF THE RIVER

FOUR FOUR-PART SONGS

THE WORDS WRITTEN BY EDWARD OXFENFORD

THE MUSIC COMPOSED BY

FREDERIC H. COWEN.

No. 2.—Water-lilies.

Andante con moto. *p*

SOPRANO.
On the bo-som of the ri-ver, As it gent-ly flows a-

ALTO.
On the bo--som of the ri-ver, As it

TENOR.
On the bo--som of the ri-ver, As it

BASS.
On the bo--som of the ri-ver, As it

PIANO.
(*ad lib.*)
pp
♩ = 60.

- long, Wa-ter-li-lies rest, and qui-ver, As they lis-ten to its

flows, Wa--ter-li-lies qui-ver, As they lis-ten to its

gent-ly flows a-long, Wa-ter-li-lies qui-ver, As they lis-ten to its

flows, Wa--ter-li-lies qui-ver, Lis-ten to its

WATER-LILIES.

poco cres.
 song! Gleam - ing on the crys - tal wa - ters, Bright as jew - els
 song! Gleam - ing on the crys - tal wa - ters, Bright as jew - els
 song! Gleam - ing, gleam - ing on the crys - tal wa - ters, Bright as jew - els
 song! Gleam - ing on the crys - tal wa - ters, Bright as

mf rich and rare, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Sweet it is to
mf rich and rare, Flo - ra's be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Sweet it is to
mf rich and rare, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Sweet it is to
 jew - els rich and rare, Flo - ra's be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Sweet it is to

poco rit.
poco rit.
poco rit.
poco rit.

a tempo.
 see them there! *a tempo.* As the wa - ters to the
 see them there! *a tempo.* Ris - ing, fall - ing, as the wa - ters, Ev - er to the
 see them there! *a tempo.* Ris - ing, ris - ing, fall - ing, as the wa - ters, Ev - er to the
 see them there! *a tempo.* Ris - ing, fall - ing, Ev

WATER-LILIES.

o - cean flow . . . As the wa - ters ev - er
 o - cean flow, . . . Ris - ing, fall - ing, as the wa - ters, Ev - - er to the
 o - cean flow, . . . Ris - ing, fall - ing, as the wa - ters, Ev - - er to the
 - - - er, Ris - ing, fall - ing, Ev

flow, . . . Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed
 o - cean flow, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed
 o - cean flow, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed
 - - - er, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed daugh - ters, Flo - ra's well - be - lov - ed

daugh - ters, Fair the wa - - ter - li - lies grow, . . . fair the li - lies, fair the
 daugh - ters, Fair the wa - - ter - li - lies grow, . . . fair the li - lies, fair the
 daugh - ters, Fair the wa - ter - li - lies grow, . . . fair the li - lies, fair the
 daugh - ters, Fair the wa - - ter - li - lies grow, . . . fair the li - lies, fair the

WATER-LILIES.

li - lies grow, . . . fair . . the li - lies grow !

li - lies grow, fair the li - lies, the li - lies grow !

li - lies grow, fair the wa - ter - li - lies, the li - lies grow !

li - lies grow, fair the li - lies, the li - lies grow !

poco rit.

'Mid their pe-tals white and gold - en, Wa-ter-sprites de-light to . .

'Mid their pe - - tals white and gold - en, Sprites do

'Mid their pe - - tals white and gold - en, Wa - ter -

'Mid their pe - - tals white and gold - en, Sprites do

pp

dwel, Close-ly in their cups en-fold - en, Lull'd up - on the rip-ples'

dwel, In their cups en-fold - en, Lull'd up - on the rip-ples'

sprites de-light to dwell, In their cups en-fold - en, Lull'd up - on the rip-ples'

dwel, In their cups en-fold - en, Lull'd on the rip-ples'

pp

WATER-LILIES.

p poco cres.
 swell ! When at eve come mel-low'd whis - pers O'er the ri-ver's
 swell ! When at . . eve, at eve come mel-low'd whis - pers O'er the ri - ver's
 swell ! When at eve come mel - low'd whispers O'er the

p poco rit.
 sil-v'ry breast, 'Tis the wa-ter-sprites at ves - pers, Ere they soft - ly sink to rest !
 sil-v'ry breast, 'Tis wa-ter-sprites at ves - pers, Ere they soft - ly sink to rest !
 sil-v'ry breast, 'Tis the wa - ter-sprites at ves - pers, Ere they soft - ly sink to rest !
 ri - ver's sil-v'ry breast, 'Tis wa-ter-sprites at ves - pers, Ere they soft - ly sink to rest !

a tempo.
 As the wa - ters to the o - cean flow, . .
a tempo. Ris-ing, fall - ing, as the wa - ters, Ev - er to the o - cean flow, . .
a tempo. Ris - ing, ris-ing, fall - ing, as the wa - ters, Ev - er to the o - cean flow, . .
a tempo. Ris - ing, fall - ing, Ev - er

WATER-LILIES.

cres.
 As the wa - ters ev - er flow, . . Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed
cres.
 Ris-ing, fall -ing, as the wa - ters Ev - er to the o -cean flow, Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed
cres.
 Ris -ing, fall -ing, as the wa - ters Ev - er to the o -cean flow, Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed
cres.
 Ris -ing, fall -ing, Ev - er, Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed

mf
 daughters, Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed daughters, Fair the wa - ter-li-ies grow, fair the
mf
 daughters, Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed daughters, Fair the wa - ter-li-ies grow, fair the
mf
 daughters, Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed daughters, Fair the wa - ter-li - lies grow, fair the
mf
 daughters, Flo-ra's well - be-lov - ed daughters, Fair the wa - ter-li-ies grow, fair the

f
 li - lies, fair the li - lies grow, . . fair . . the li - lies grow !
f
 li - lies, fair the li - lies grow, fair the li - lies, the li - lies grow !
f
 li - lies, fair the li - lies grow, fair the wa - ter-li - lies, the li - lies grow !
f
 li - lies, fair the li - lies grow, fair the li - lies, the li - lies grow !
poco rit.

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No. 3.—Resting.

Lento espressivo.

SOPRANO. *p*
O it is sweet a-while to rest . . Up-on the riv - er's sil - v'ry breast,

ALTO. *p*
O it is sweet a-while to rest . . Up-on the riv - er's sil - v'ry breast,

TENOR. *p*
O it is sweet a-while to rest . . Up-on the riv - er's sil - v'ry breast,

BASS. *p*
O it is sweet a-while to rest . . Up-on the riv - er's sil - v'ry breast,

PIANO. *(ad lib.)*
p
= 48.

p
Beneath some o - ver-hang - ing tree, A cool and lea - fy ca - no - py . .

p
Beneath some o - ver-hang - ing tree, A cool and lea - fy ca - no - py . .

p
Beneath some o - ver-hang - ing tree, A cool and lea - fy ca - no - py . .

p
Beneath some o - ver-hang - ing tree, A cool and lea - fy ca - no - py. For

RESTING.

There the sun - rays can - not fall,
 There the sun - rays can - not, can - not fall, And reign tri -
 There the sun - - rays can - not fall, And reign tri -
 there the sun - rays can - not fall, can - not fall, And reign tri-umph - ant

And reign tri-umph - ant o - ver all, The gold - en show'r a-while is stay'd, And hearts all
 - umph - ant o - ver, o - ver all, The gold - en show'r a-while is stay'd, And hearts all
 - umph - ant o - ver, o - ver all, The gold - en show'r a-while is stay'd, And hearts all
 o - ver all, o - ver all, The gold - en show'r a-while is stay'd, And hearts all

hail, and hearts all hail the wel - come shade, the wel - come
 hail the wel - come shade, . . . and hearts all hail the wel - come
 hail, hearts all hail . . . the wel - come shade, and . . . hearts all hail the wel - come
 hail, . . . hail the shade, . . . hail the wel - come

RESTING.

a tempo. shade! . . . *p* *tranquillo.* O it is sweet, yes! it is sweet, . . .

a tempo. shade! . . . *p* *tranquillo.* O it is sweet, yes! it is sweet, . . .

a tempo. shade! . . . *p* *tranquillo.* O it is sweet, . . . yes! it is sweet, . . . yes! it is

a tempo. shade! . . . yes! it is

a tempo. *p* *tranquillo.*

yes! it is sweet, . . . sweet . . . to rest!

yes! it is sweet, . . . sweet . . . to rest!

sweet, . . . 'tis sweet, . . . sweet to rest!

sweet, . . . 'tis sweet, . . . sweet to rest!

p O it is sweet a - while to rest, . . . As sinks the sun . . . with - in the West ;

p O it is sweet a - while to rest, . . . As sinks the sun with - in the West ;

p O it is sweet a - while to rest, . . . As sinks the sun with - in the West ;

p O it is sweet a - while to rest, . . . As sinks the sun with - in the West ;

p

RESTING.

To watch each gold and crim - son beam, Dis - port up - on the flow - ing stream ;

To watch each gold and crim - son beam, Dis - port up - on the flow - ing stream ;

To watch each gold and crim - son beam, Dis - port up - on the flow - ing stream ;

To watch each gold and crim - son beam, Dis - port up - on the flow - ing stream ; To

Hear the rip - ples whis - per low, Soothing - ly they

Hear the rip - ples whis - per, whis - per low, Soothing - ly they

Hear the rip - ples whis - per, whis - per low, Soothing - ly they

hear the rip - ples whis - per low, whis - per low, As soothingly they ebb, they

Soothingly they ebb, . . they ebb and flow, And seem to sing, a - mid their play, and seem to

ebb and flow, they ebb and flow, And seem to sing, a - mid their play, and seem to

ebb and flow, they ebb and flow, And seem to sing, a - mid their play, and seem to

ebb and flow, ebb and flow, And seem to sing, a - mid their play, and seem to

RESTING.

dim. *p* *poco rit.*

sing A farewell to the dy - ing day, . . . the dy - ing

dim. *p* *poco rit.*

sing . . . Fare-well to day, . . . a farewell to the dy - ing

dim. *p* *poco rit.*

sing Fare - well to the dy - ing day, a farewell to the dy - ing

p *poco rit.*

sing, . . . sing Fare - well . . . to the dy - ing

a tempo. *p* *tranquillo.*

day! . . . O it is sweet, yes! it is sweet, . . .

a tempo. *p* *tranquillo.*

day! . . . O it is sweet, yes! it is sweet, . . .

a tempo. *p* *tranquillo.*

day! . . . O it is sweet, . . . yes! it is sweet, . . . yes! it is

a tempo. *p* *tranquillo.*

day! . . . yes! it is

dim. *pp* *poco rall.*

yes! it is sweet, . . . sweet to rest!

dim. *pp* *poco rall.*

yes! it is sweet, . . . sweet to rest!

dim. *pp* *poco rall.*

sweet, . . . 'tis sweet, sweet to rest!

dim. *pp* *poco rall.*

sweet, . . . 'tis sweet, sweet to rest!

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No. 4.—Rowing Homewards.

Allegro vivace.
leggero.

SOPRANO.
Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, On the flow-ing stream,

leggero.
mf

ALTO.
Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, On the flow-ing stream,

leggero.
mf

TENOR.
Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, On the flow-ing stream,

leggero.
mf

BASS.
Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, On the flow-ing stream,

Allegro vivace.

PIANO.
(*ad lib.*)
112.
mf *leggero.*

mf

Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, List-ning to the night - - in -

mf

Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, List-ning to the night - - in -

mf

Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, List - - 'ning to the night-in

mf

Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, home-wards, List - - 'ning to the night-in -

mf

ROWING HOMEWARDS.

- gale 'Neath the moon's pale beam ! Row - ing home - wards, O'er the sand - y bars,

- gale 'Neath the moon's pale beam ! Row - ing home - wards, O'er . . the bars,

- gale 'Neath the moon's pale beam ! Row - ing home - wards, O'er . . the bars,

- gale 'Neath the moon's pale beam ! Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, O'er . . the sand - y

Row - ing home - wards, O'er the sand - y bars, List - ning to the ev - ning breeze

Row - ing home - wards, O'er the bars, List - ning to the ev - ning breeze . .

Row - ing home - wards, O'er the sand - y bars, List - ning to the ev - ning breeze . .

bars, Row - ing, O'er . . the sand - y bars, List - ning to the breeze . .

'Neath the gold - - - en stars, the gold - en stars ! . . .

'Neath the stars, 'neath the stars ! . . .

'Neath the gold - - - en stars, the gold - - - en stars ! . . .

'Neath the stars ! Row - ing,

ROWING HOMEWARDS.

p *dim.*
 Row-ing, row-ing home-wards, row-ing, row-ing home-wards.
dim.
 Row - ing home-wards, row - ing home-wards.
p *dim.*
 Row - ing home-wards, row - ing home-wards.
dim. *pp* *dim.*
 row - ing, row - ing, row - ing home-wards, row - ing home-wards.
dim. *p* *dim.* *Silent.*

Pochissimo meno mosso.
sempre dim.
 Row - ing, row - ing homewards, home - wards, 'Neath the gold - en stars!
sempre dim. *pp*
 Row - ing, row - ing home-wards, home - wards, 'Neath the gold - en stars!
sempre dim. *pp* *p*
 Row - ing, row - ing home-wards, home - wards, 'Neath the gold - en stars!
sempre dim. *pp*
 Row - ing home-wards, home - wards, 'Neath the gold - en stars!
Pochissimo meno mosso.
sempre dim. *pp* *p*

Tempo lmo.
leggiere.
mf
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, home - wards, 'Mid the sha - dows dim,
leggiere. *mf*
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, home - wards, 'Mid the sha - dows dim,
leggiere. *mf*
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, home - wards, 'Mid the sha - dows dim,
leggiere. *mf*
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, home - wards, 'Mid the sha - dows dim,
Tempo lmo.
mf leggiere.

ROWING HOMEWARDS.

mf
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, home - wards, Whilst the sil - ver - no - - - ted
mf
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards home - wards, Whilst the sil - ver - no - - - ted
mf
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, home - wards, Whilst the sil - ver - no - ted
mf
 Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, home - wards, Whilst the sil - ver - no - ted

p
 birds Trill their ves - per hymn ! Row - ing home - wards, On the flow - ing stream,
p
 birds Trill their ves - per hymn ! Row - ing home - wards, On the stream,
p
 birds Trill their ves - per hymn ! Row - ing home - wards, On . . the stream,
p
 birds Trill their ves - per hymn ! Row - ing, row - ing home - wards, On . . the flow - ing

mf
 Row - ing home - wards, On the flow - ing stream, Till the ro - sy dawn ap - pears,
mf
 Row - ing home - wards, On the stream, Till the ro - sy dawn ap - pears, . .
mf
 Row - ing home - wards, On the flow - ing stream, Till the ro - sy dawn ap - pears, . .
mf
 stream, Row - ing, On . the flow - ing stream, Till the dawn ap - pears, . .

ROWING HOMEWARDS.

till the dawn, . . . There to rest, to rest and dream! . . .
 There to rest, to rest and dream! . . .
 till the dawn, . . . To rest, to rest and . . . dream! . . .
 There to dream! Row - ing,

Rowing, row - ing home - wards, row - ing, row - ing home - wards.
 Row - ing home - wards, row - ing home - wards.
 Row - ing home - wards, row - ing home - wards.
 row - ing, row - ing, row - ing home - wards, row - ing home - wards.
 Silent.

Pochissimo meno mosso.
sempre dim. Row - ing, row - ing homewards, home - wards, There to rest and dream!
sempre dim. Row - ing, row - ing homewards, home - wards, There to rest and dream!
sempre dim. Row - ing, row - ing homewards, home - wards, There to rest and dream!
sempre dim. Row - ing, row - ing homewards, home - wards, There to rest and dream!
Pochissimo meno mosso. Row - ing homewards, home - wards, There to rest and dream!
sempre dim. *pp* *pp* *poco rall.*