

### Text

The Sun does arise,  
And make happy the skies;  
The merry bells ring  
To welcome the Spring;  
The skylark and thrush,  
The birds of the bush,  
Sing louder around  
To the bells' chearful sound,  
While our sports shall be seen  
On the Ecchoing Green.

Till the little ones, weary,  
No more can be merry;  
The sun does descend,  
And our sports have an end.  
Round the laps of their mothers  
Many sisters and brothers,  
Like birds in their nest,  
Are ready for rest,  
And sport no more seen  
On the darkening Green.

—William Blake (1757–1827)

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# The Echoing Green

for SSA Chorus unaccompanied

William Blake  
(1757–1827)

Jeffrey Bernstein  
(ASCAP)

**Allegretto** *mf*

Soprano 1  
The sun does a - rise

Soprano 2  
*mf*  
The sun \_\_\_\_\_ does a - rise And

Alto  
*mf*  
The sun \_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_ a - rise

**Allegretto**  
Keyboard *for rehearsal only*

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make hap - py the skies; The mer - ry bells

make \_\_\_\_\_ hap - py the skies; The mer - ry bells \_\_\_\_\_

make \_\_\_\_\_ hap - py the skies; The mer - ry bells \_\_\_\_\_

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ring To wel - come the Spring; The sky - lark\_ and\_ thrush, The

ring To wel - come\_ the Spring; The sky - lark\_ and thrush, The

ring To wel - come the\_ Spring; The sky - lark, The birds\_

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

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birds of the bush, Sing loud - er a - round To the bells' cheer - ful

birds\_ of the bush, loud - er To the bells' cheer - ful

of the bush, To the bells' cheer - ful

*cresc. poco a poco*

*cresc. poco a poco*

*cresc. poco a poco*

19 *(cresc.)* *mf*

sound, loud - er a - round To the bells' cheer - ful

*(cresc.)* *mf*

sound, loud - er a - round To the

*(cresc.)* *mf*

sound, Sing loud - er a - round To the bells' cheer - ful sound,

24 *p*

sound, While our sports shall be seen On the

*p*

bells' cheer - ful sound, While our sports shall be seen

*p*

While our sports shall be seen

28 *cresc.*

Ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.*

Ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing,

*cresc.*

Ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o -

32 *f* **A little slower**  
*mp*

ech - o - ing Green. \_\_\_\_\_ Till the lit - tle

*f*

ech - o - ing Green, Ech - o - ing Green.

*f*

ing, ech - o - ing Green. \_\_\_\_\_

**A little slower**

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ones, wea-ry, wea-ry, wea-ry, wea-ry, No more can be

*mp*  
wea-ry, wea-ry, wea-ry, wea-ry, No more can

*mp*  
wea-ry, wea-ry, wea-ry, wea-ry, No more

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*cresc. poco a poco*  
mer-ry, no more can be mer-ry, no more can be

*cresc. poco a poco*  
be mer-ry, no more can be mer-ry, no more can be

*cresc. poco a poco*  
can be mer-ry, no more can be mer-ry, no more can be

47 *mf* *dim. poco a poco*

mer - ry. The sun does de -

*mf* *dim. poco a poco*

mer - ry. The sun does de - scend, does \_\_\_

*mf* *dim. poco a poco*

mer - ry. The sun does de - scend, \_\_\_ does \_\_\_

51 *(dim.)* *mp*

scend, \_\_\_ the sun, \_\_\_ the sun \_\_\_

*(dim.)* *mp*

de - scend, the sun, \_\_\_ the sun \_\_\_ does \_\_\_

*(dim.)* *mp*

de - scend the sun, the sun \_\_\_ does

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*p*  
 does de - scend, And our sports \_\_\_\_\_ have an end.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ de - scend, And our sports \_\_\_\_\_ have an end.  
*p*  
 de - scend, And our sports \_\_\_\_\_ have an end. Round the  
*cresc. poco a poco*

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*cresc. poco a poco*  
 Round the laps of their moth - - -  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
 Round the laps of their moth - - - ers, round the laps \_\_\_\_\_ of their moth -  
*(cresc.)*  
 laps of their moth - - - ers, round the laps of their moth -



65 *mf*

ers Ma - ny sis - ters and bro - thers, ma - ny sis - ters

*mf*

ers Ma - ny sis - ters and bro - thers, ma - ny sis - ters and

*mf*

ers Ma - ny sis - ters and bro - thers, ma - ny

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and bro - thers, ma - ny sis - ters and bro - thers, Like

bro - thers, ma - ny sis - ters and bro - thers, Like\_\_

sis - ters and bro - thers, ma - ny sis - ters and bro - thers, Like\_\_

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*mp*

birds \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ their nest, Are rea - dy, rea - dy, rea - dy, -

*mp*

\_\_\_\_\_ birds \_\_\_\_\_ in their nest, Are rea - dy, rea - dy, - rea -

*mp*

\_\_\_\_\_ birds in their nest, Are rea - dy, rea - dy, - rea -

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*p*

rea - dy, rea - dy for rest, And sport no more \_\_\_\_\_ seen On the

*p*

- dy rea - dy for rest, \_\_\_\_\_ And sport no more seen

*p*

- dy, \_\_\_\_\_ rea - dy for rest, \_\_\_\_\_ And sport no more seen

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dark - en - ing Green. The dark - en - ing

dark - en - ing Green, dark - en - ing Green, dark - en - ing,

The dark - en - ing Green, dark - en - ing

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Green, dark - en - ing Green, the dark - en - ing Green.

dark - en - ing Green, the dark - 'ning Green.

Green, dark, Green, the dark - 'ning Green.

