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May-Day Carol



English Folksong (Essex)
 Transcribed and Harmonized
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 Op. 15, No. 9

Andante, poco mosso *p*

Voice: The

Piano: *p*

moon shines bright, The stars give a light, A lit-tle be - fore 'tis

day. Our Heav-en - ly Fa - ther he call-ed to us And

mf *dim.*

bid us to wake and pray. A - wake, a - wake, O

poco rit. *p* *a tempo*

poco rit. *p a tempo*

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pret - ty, pret - ty maid, Out of your drows - y dream, And

step in - to your dair - y be - low, And fetch me a bowl of

mf. *rit. p*

cream. If

p rit. *a tempo* *mp* *rit.*

Or: (A cup to bring you not a bowl of your sweet cream, A mug of your brown

a tempo *p a tempo*

cheer;) *mf*

beer, For the Lord knows where we shall meet a - gain To be

p rit. *a tempo*

may - ing an - oth - er year. I been a - ram - bling

cresc. *mf*

all this night, And some time of this day, And

dim. *p*

now, re - turn - ing back a - gain, I brought you a branch of May. —

f *dim.* *p* *mf*

watch

appassionato
cresc.
f
molto dim.

pp
p rit.
pp a tempo

A branch of May I brought you here, And

mf
cresc.
mf

at your door I stand. 'Tis no-thing but a sprout, but

dim.
rall.
p
dim.
rall.

well bud-ded out By the work of Our Lord's hand. My

a tempo

song is done, and I must be gone, No

pp a tempo

pp subito e rit.

long - er can I stay, So it's God bless you all, both

pp subito, rit. colla voce

a tempo

great and small, And send you a joy - ful May, And

pp

a tempo

molto lento

send you a joy - ful May.

pp molto lento

sempre pp

