



Excursion Song

B. R. Hanby
(1833-1867)

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S Ho! ho! ho! Out to the beau - ti - ful groves we go;

A Ho! ho! ho! Out to the beau - ti - ful groves we go;

T Ho! ho! ho! Out to the beau - ti - ful groves we go;

B Ho! ho! ho! Out to the beau - ti - ful groves we go;

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S This is our hol - i - day now, you know; Sweet shall our mel - o - dies float and flow,

A This is our hol - i - day now, you know; Sweet shall our mel - o - dies float and flow,

T This is our hol - i - day now, you know; Sweet shall our mel - o - dies float and flow,

B This is our hol - i - day now, you know; Sweet shall our mel - o - dies float and flow,

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S Out on the balm - y air: _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

A Out on the balm - y air: _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

T Out on the balm - y air: _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

B Out on the balm - y air: _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

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S Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

A Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

T Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

B Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; _____ Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

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S gen - tly blow, gen - tly blow; Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

A gen - tly blow, gen - tly blow; Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

T gen - tly blow, gen - tly blow; Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

B gen - tly blow, gen - tly blow; Bear them, ye breez - es that gen - tly blow,

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S
Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. Sing! sing! sing!

A
Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. Sing! sing! sing!

T
Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. Sing! sing! sing!

B
Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. Sing! sing! sing!

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S
Heav - en shall smile at the praise we bring; For - est and mead - ow with mu - sic ring,

A
Heav - en shall smile at the praise we bring; For - est and mead - ow with mu - sic ring,

T
Heav - en shall smile at the praise we bring; For - est and mead - ow with mu - sic ring,

B
Heav - en shall smile at the praise we bring; For - est and mead - ow with mu - sic ring,

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S
Ech - o the cad - en - ces grace - fully fling, Out on the balm - y air:

A
Ech - o the cad - en - ces grace - fully fling, Out on the balm - y air:

T
Ech - o the cad - en - ces grace - fully fling, Out on the balm - y air:

B
Ech - o the cad - en - ces grace - fully fling, Out on the balm - y air:

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S Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; —

A Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; —

T Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; —

B Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; —

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S Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing;

A Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing;

T Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing;

B Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing, sil - v'ry wing;

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S Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. —

A Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. —

T Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. —

B Bear them a - loft on her sil - v'ry wing, Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where. —

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S Play! play! play! Run, oh, ye hap - py ones while ye may;

A Play! play! play! Run, oh, ye hap - py ones while ye may;

T Play! play! play! Run, oh, ye hap - py ones while ye may;

B Play! play! play! Run, oh, ye hap - py ones while ye may;

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S Roam thro' the for - ests at will to - day, Pour - ing your shouts and your laugh - ter gay,

A Roam thro' the for - ests at will to - day, Pour - ing your shouts and your laugh - ter gay,

T Roam thro' the for - ests at will to - day, Pour - ing your shouts and your laugh - ter gay,

B Roam thro' the for - ests at will to - day, Pour - ing your shouts and your laugh - ter gay,

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S Out on the balm - y air: Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

A Out on the balm - y air: Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

T Out on the balm - y air: Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

B Out on the balm - y air: Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

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S Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

A Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

T Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

B Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

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S speed a - way, speed a - way; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

A speed a - way, speed a - way; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

T speed a - way, speed a - way; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

B speed a - way, speed a - way; Syl - vi - a beck - ons, oh speed a - way,

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S Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where.

A Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where.

T Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where.

B Scat - ter them ev - 'ry - where.

Benjamin Russell Hanby (1833-1867) was born near Rushville, Ohio, the son of Bishop William Hanby, a United Brethren minister. At age sixteen, he enrolled at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio. With his father, he helped operate the Underground Railroad in the region. He worked for the college, then served as principal of an academy in Seven Mile, Ohio. He became a pastor in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and served in churches at Lewisburg and New Paris. He also directed a singing school in New Paris. After publishing some of his songs, he was hired by music publishers John Church Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, then he worked for publishers Root & Cady in Chicago, Illinois. He died from tuberculosis in Chicago, Illinois. He wrote between 80-100 songs. One of his most well known songs is "Darling Nelly Gray", written while a student at Otterbein in response to the plight of a runaway slave named Joseph Selby (or Shelby). He also wrote the Christmas songs "Up on the House Top" (originally a Christmas sing-along titled "Santa Claus"), "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas", and the Christmas hymn "Who Is He In Yonder Stall?".

Ho! ho! ho!
Out to the beautiful groves we go;
This is our holiday now, you know;
Sweet shall our melodies float and flow,
Out on the balmy air:
Bear them, ye breezes that gently blow,
Scatter them everywhere.

Sing! sing! sing!
Heaven shall smile at the praise we bring;
Forest and meadow with music ring,
Echo the cadences gracefully fling,
Out on the balmy air:
Bear them aloft on her silvery wing,
Scatter them everywhere.

Play! play! play!
Run, oh, ye happy ones while ye may;
Roam thro' the forests at will today,
Pouring your shouts and your laughter gay,
Out on the balmy air:
Sylvia beckons, oh speed away,
Scatter them everywhere.

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