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**A SUMMER LONGING.**

I must away to wooded hills and vales,  
Where broad, slow streams flow cool and silently,  
And idle barges flap their listless sails;  
For me the summer sunset glows and pales,  
And green fields wait for me.

I long for shadowy forest, where the birds  
Twitler and chirp at noon from every tree.  
I long for blossomed leaves and lowing herds;  
And nature's voices say, in mystic words,  
"The green fields wait for thee."

I dream of uplands, where the primrose shines  
And waves her yellow lamps above the sea;  
Of tangled copse, swung with trailing vines;  
Of open vistas, skirted with tall pines,  
Where green fields wait for me.

I think of long, sweet afternoons, when I  
May lie and listen to the distant sea,  
Or hear the breeze in the reeds that sigh,  
Or insect voices, chirping whirr and dry,  
In fields that wait for me.

These dreams of summer come to bid me find  
The forest's shade, the wild bird's melody,  
While summer's rosy wreaths for me are twined,  
While summer's fragrance lingers on the wind,  
And green fields wait for me.

—George Arnold.

**LATEST MUSICAL ITEMS.**

- FRANZ RUMMEL is in London.
- MOMY ESSISOFF is resting in Vienna.
- SUMMER Gardens are now in full blast.
- JOSKOFF is practicing a new repertoire.
- DENEGREMENT will shortly sail for Paris.
- REMYNY has closed his traveling season.
- MR. THEODORE BIRTKER is playing in London.
- MARIE STONE sails for England on the 9th.
- CAMPANINI says he made \$25,000 last season.
- "ANTHEM GEMS" is Mr. Sudds' greatest success.
- LITTA has been visiting Bloomington, Ill.,—her home.
- MR. CARLILE PETERSENBAUM summers at Nantasket Beach.
- MR. JEROME EICHENBERG will spend the summer in Europe.
- PITTSBURGH is enjoying a series of orchestral concerts.
- THE YOKES' Detroit engagement was remarkably successful.
- LIGHT operas are rapidly taking the place of burlesques.
- MISS EMMA ABBOTT is to appear in "Traviata" next season.

- STRAUSS is at work on a new opera, entitled "Der lustige Krieg."
- MR. CHAS. E. RICE will engage in mercantile business next season.
- MOMY CAROLINE RICHINGS-BERNARD is residing in Richmond, Va.
- THE Strakosch-Hras Concert Company were in Halifax last week.
- MISS HENRIETTA BEEBE has appeared at a London ballad concert.
- THE Phelps Opera Company are meeting with success in the West.
- MISS AMY GORDON, of Ford's "Olivette" company, is in Chicago.
- MR. WM. CASTLE is in New York. Wm. H. Lingard is also in same city.
- OCTOBER 22d is the date set for Adolina Patti to sail for this country.
- MR. CHAS. HALL is giving his twenty-first series of piano-forte recitals.
- MR. FREDERICK ARCHER is to give a series of organ recitals in Chicago.
- COL. MAPLESON has been compelled to reduce his scale of prices, in London.
- A FOUR days' musical convention commences in Arcade, N. Y., on the 28th.
- MRS. MARY BEEBE will appear as *Erstina* in "The Mascot," next season.
- MISS SALLIE BINGHAM, of Indianapolis, is going abroad to study for the opera.
- THE Corinne Opera Company gave "Olivette" at Providence, R. I., last week.
- CANARY birds help the choirs in some of the fashionable Long Island churches.
- MR. SMYTH BRYCES has postponed his London farwell concerts on account of illness.
- THE Minnie Palmer Company has engaged Mr. Jesse Williams as musical director.
- THE permanent fund, of the Boston Handel and Haydn Society, amounts to \$21,828.27.
- GOOD times, but high prices ahead—Patti, Nilsson and Gerster are all to be here next season.
- MOMY MARIE ROZE will only appear at twelve performances at Her Majesty's Opera House.
- "CASCADE OF RUBENS" is a 192 page book of the most pleasing piano music. It sells at \$2.00.

- MRS. ZELDA SZULIS has been engaged to rejoin the Emma Abbott Opera Company next season.
- THE Acme Opera Company begin an engagement at the Alhambra Theatre, South Boston, on the 4th.
- THE Ideal Opera Company will rehearse Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" and "Migauon" this summer.
- MISS FANNY PARSELL's photograph is published on the title-page of Westendorf's new Land League song.
- SEVERAL of the members of the late De Besuplan French Opera Company have secured engagements in Canada.
- MISS ANNIE LOUISE CARY sang in the Portland (Me.) church choir, of which she is a member, last Sunday.
- THE Vokes Family entertained the inmates of the lunatic asylum at Blackwell's Island, N. Y., a few days ago.
- MISS ELIZA WEATHERSBY and two sisters will commence an eight week season at the Boston Museum, July 4th.
- OVER three thousand signatures have been attached to a paper calling for a state musical festival in Kansas.
- "GARLAND OF GEMS" is a most complete and attractive book collection of new and popular songs, and sells at \$2.00.
- REMYNY, the famous violinist, has purchased four stores, one dwelling, and twenty-one building lots in Fargo, Dakotas.
- A BAND competition is to be one of the attractive features of the approaching Montreal Exhibition, in September next.
- MISS MARIE SOMERVILLE, of the Mahn Boccaccio Company, has married the business manager—Mr. Joseph Reynolds.
- THE Comley-Barton Opera Company will fill twenty weeks' time at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York, next season.
- COL. MAPLESON has given up his idea of an immense opera house on the Thames Embankment, and it is to be converted into a hotel.
- DANIELLE SAINT-SAENS and several other musicians, are to ask the French Government to make the study of music obligatory in that country.
- THE Philadelphia Maennerchor Garden has been greatly improved, and with the fine orchestra will undoubtedly prove a leading attraction.

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