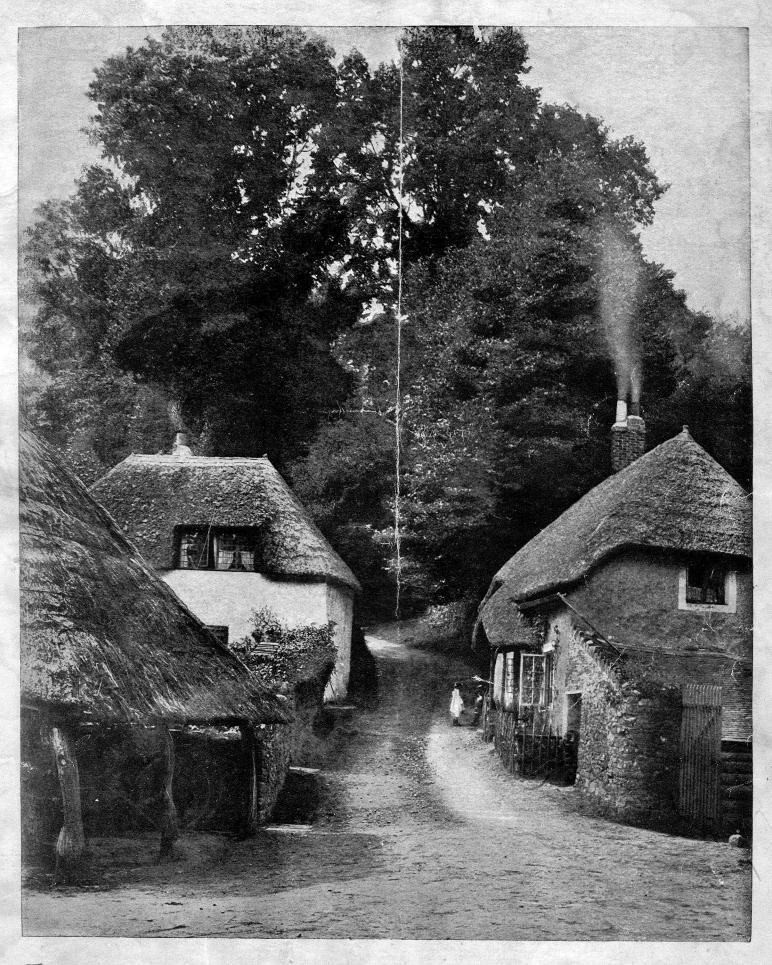
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DEAR CHILDREN,

I wonder how you will like my "Tunes from Nature." I have made them specially for my young friends all over the country—I think I may say all over the world—who have been playing and singing "Scenes at a Farm" and who keep telling me they want some more.

It makes me very happy to know that you are all so fond of my little pieces. I hear lots of things about you. Sometimes when I go away I hear someone practising my music, and I listen outside the window. (It is very nice to hear your own music like that, without the player knowing you are there.) So you must play carefully, for I might just happen to be passing, and I know you would like me to hear some good playing.

The new book is *almost* as easy as "Scenes at a Farm." It has got a few sharps and flats, and Time Signatures, and Key Signatures; but it is much easier than "Countryside," and will be very useful when someone has done the "Farm Tunes" and wants some more; or when two in one house want "Farm Tunes"! or when teachers get tired; or when a grown-up wants to begin.

You will be glad to see some verses again. I am a very lucky man—in some ways. After seven years I found the same poet, and he was as good as ever! It was hard work for him because the music was made first and he had to make his poetry fit into it. But he soon did it, and . . . aren't they lovely? Just read about those Linnets and then fancy you see them building their nest ready for their young ones. I think the verses are delightful, and I hope you will sing them often—and sometimes recite them. The poem called "Nature's Music" would be a fine one for recitation.

Try to make everything sound beautiful. Play each piece from memory, as soon as you can, so that you may think of the story while you play. This helps you to get the right way of playing it.

From your loving friend,

WALTER CARROLL.

NATURE'S MUSIC.

The earth is full of music,

For those with ears to hear—
The rolling drums of thunder;

The rivulet tinkling clear;

The river seaward singing;
The crashing breakers' roar;
The lap of little wavelets
That wash the sandy shore;

The shouting round the chimneys
Of winds that sweep the plain;
The whisper in the tree-tops;
The plash of falling rain;

The chanting in the woodland;
The murmuring of the meads;
The warbling in the thicket;
The calling from the reeds;

The airy pipe of swallows;
The blackbird's mellow note;
The melody unstinted
Poured from the throstle's throat;

The rapture of the skylark
Above the springing wheat;
The hum of tiny creatures
That voice the summer heat;

The clamour of the farmyard,
With cry of beast and bird;
The bleating at the sheep-folds;
The lowing of the herd;

The boom of blundering chafer;
The owlet's whoop and wail;
The carolling enchanted
Of faery nightingale;

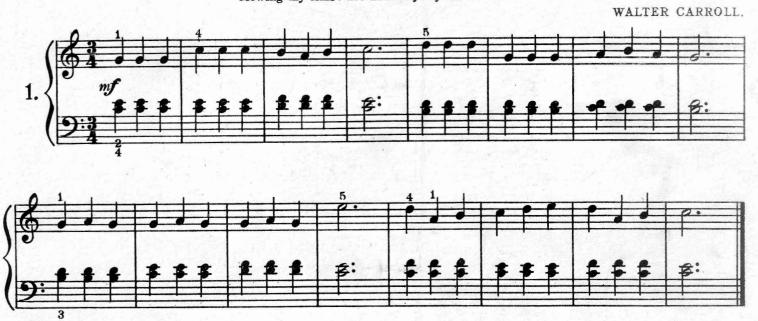
The chirrup by the fireside;
The robin's song of cheer—
The earth is full of music,
For those with ears to hear.

And in the world-wide chorus
I too may bear a part,
If but the grace be given me
Of music in my heart.

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ROSY MORNING.

Drawing his rose-tinted curtains aside,
Forth comes the Sun in his pomp and his pride.
I too am ready with him for the race –
Glowing my limbs are and rosy my face.



BUTTERFLIES.

Daintily gliding and glancing,
Fairily swaying and dancing,
Hovering light,
Then darting in flight—
O vision of beauty entrancing!

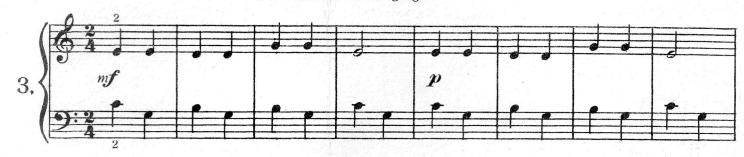


DAISIES ASLEEP.

Golden heads are wrapped in white, Sheltered warm from chills of night; Safe they lie

Neath the sky

Till returns the morning light.





THE TOAD.

First Voice.

A dwarfish form, a wrinkled skin.

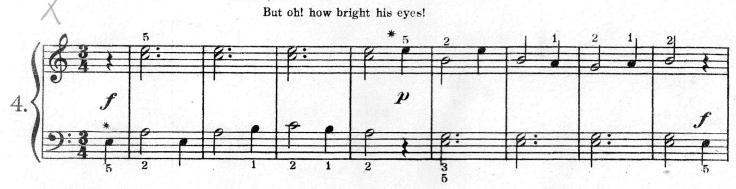
Second Voice.

A fairy prince in strange disguise.

First Voice.

An ugly head, an evil grin.

Second Voice.





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FIRST SNOW.

Look at the snow!
Out let us go!
I caught one then....
It's gone again—

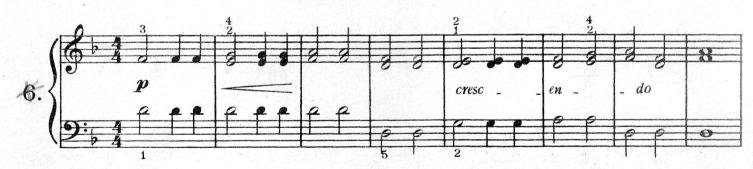
Bewitched are snow-flakes!





THE SNAIL.

Slowly and painfully creeping, crawling— Poor Mister Snail, I pity you! If on my back my house I was hauling, Surely I'd go slowly too!





LAUGHTER OF SPRING.

Ting-a-ling-ling, the joy bells ring To welcome the Spring, the laughing Spring; With everything we dance and sing -The merriest season of all is Spring!



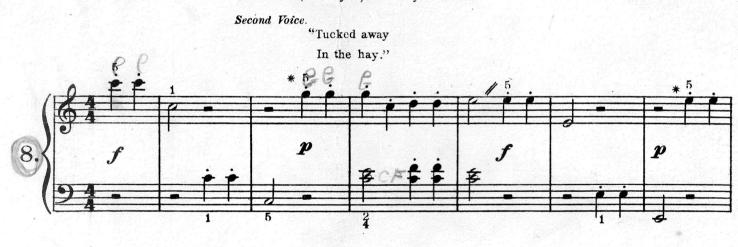


A MEADOW-MOUSE.

First Voice.

"O you darling little Mouse,

Tell me, wont you, where's your house?"





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WHERE LILIES LIVE.

What fragrance is this in the air,
My drowsy senses o'erpowering?
'Tis scent of the Lilies so fair,
The Lilies sweetly flowering.





THE WILLOW.

A haughty wight, the Willow - ('Ware, Willow, 'ware!)

The Brook, a humble fellow — (Dare, Brooklet, dare!)

And strange to tell, the Willow fell: The Brook, he still is there.





JACK FROST.

Jack Frost, Jack Frost,
A wayward sprite is he;
For when we wish him most away,
Jack Frost stays on.

Jack Frost, Jack Frost,
A mocking elf is he;
For when we wish him most to stay,
Jack Frost is gone.





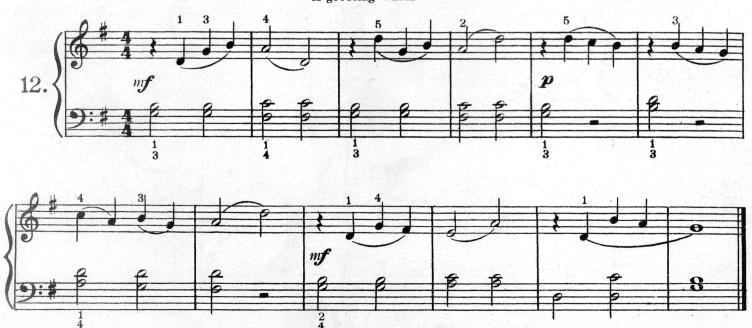
WARM BREEZES.

First Voice.

"O balmy breezes, Where do you come from?"

Second Voice.

"From regions far distant,
Where is ever sunshine.
They bid us bring you
A greeting warm"



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A MOUNTAIN STREAM.

From mountain-steep
With dart and leap
The waters hurry
And haste and scurry,
All in and out
And round about,
And now in cataract plunging;

Then smooth and slow
They move for a space,
Then quicken their pace
And headlong go:
From mountain-steep
With dart and leap
The waters flow
To the valley below.



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TWO GREEN LINNETS.

Two Linnets green

On a bough are seen,

And one is He, and one is She;

Two Linnets green

Working hard are seen

To build a nest, the best that Linnet

Has ever built, and one day in it

There will be

Four Linnets brown-four Linnets brown-Balls of down.



Tunes from Nature.

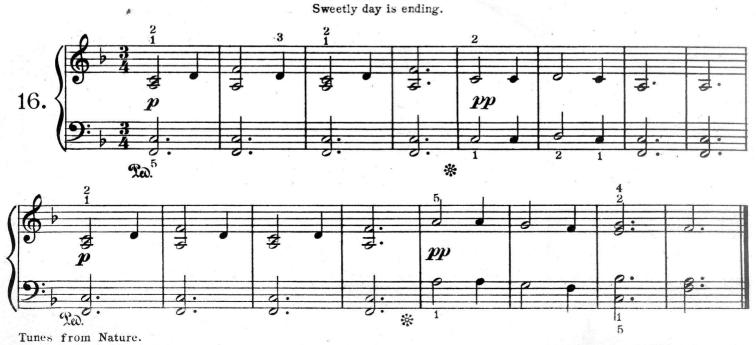
EARLY APRIL.

Rain swiftly streaming,
Sun brightly beaming—
Gloomy and cheerful,
Smiling and tearful:
Such is the face of April sky.



EVENING, SWEET AND STILL.

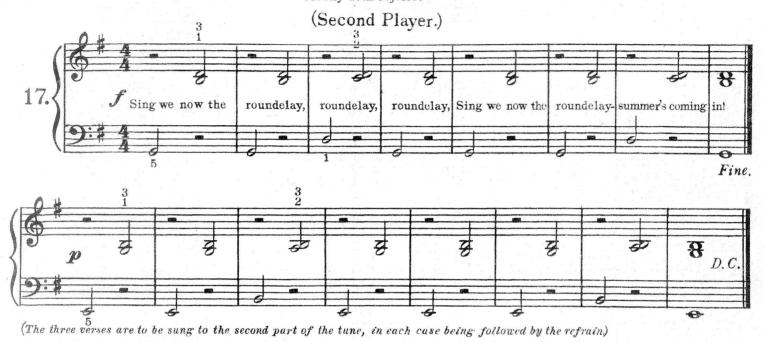
Filmy clouds, in sunset-glow,
With the hills are blending;
Not a breath, above, below:



SUMMER VOICES.

Little bird on every tree, every tree, every tree, Little bird on every tree Maketh melodie. Fly and bee and grasshopper, grasshopper, grasshopper, Fly and bee and grasshopper Eke the burden bear.

Every creature that hath voice, that hath voice, that hath voice, Every creature that hath voice Greatly doth rejoice.



CORN AND POPPIES.

Poppies are red, but golden the corn And golden the sun rose up in the morn.
Harvesters all, the token was clear:
From tempest and rain ye'd nothing to fear.

Golden the corn, but the poppies are red-Red as the sun that now goes to his bed. Harvesters, plain is the promise to see: Fair will the morrow for harvesting be.



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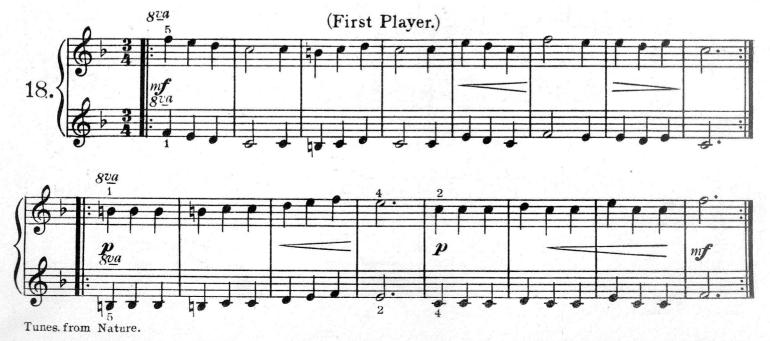
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BROWN AUTUMN LEAVES.

Leaves unnumbered
Strew the ground,
'Neath the trees forsaken
Scattered round.

Ruthless storm-winds
Flung them down,
Turned their shades of verdure
All to brown.

Spring's forgotten,
Winter's near:
Sadly, sorrowfully
Ends the year.



HARVEST SONG.

Now raise we the song of Harvest Home
With voices blithely ringing,
As gathering round the load we come,
Our sheaves in triumph bringing.

When everything is stored away
Secure from wintry weather,
Make merry we may with sport and play,
Exulting all together.



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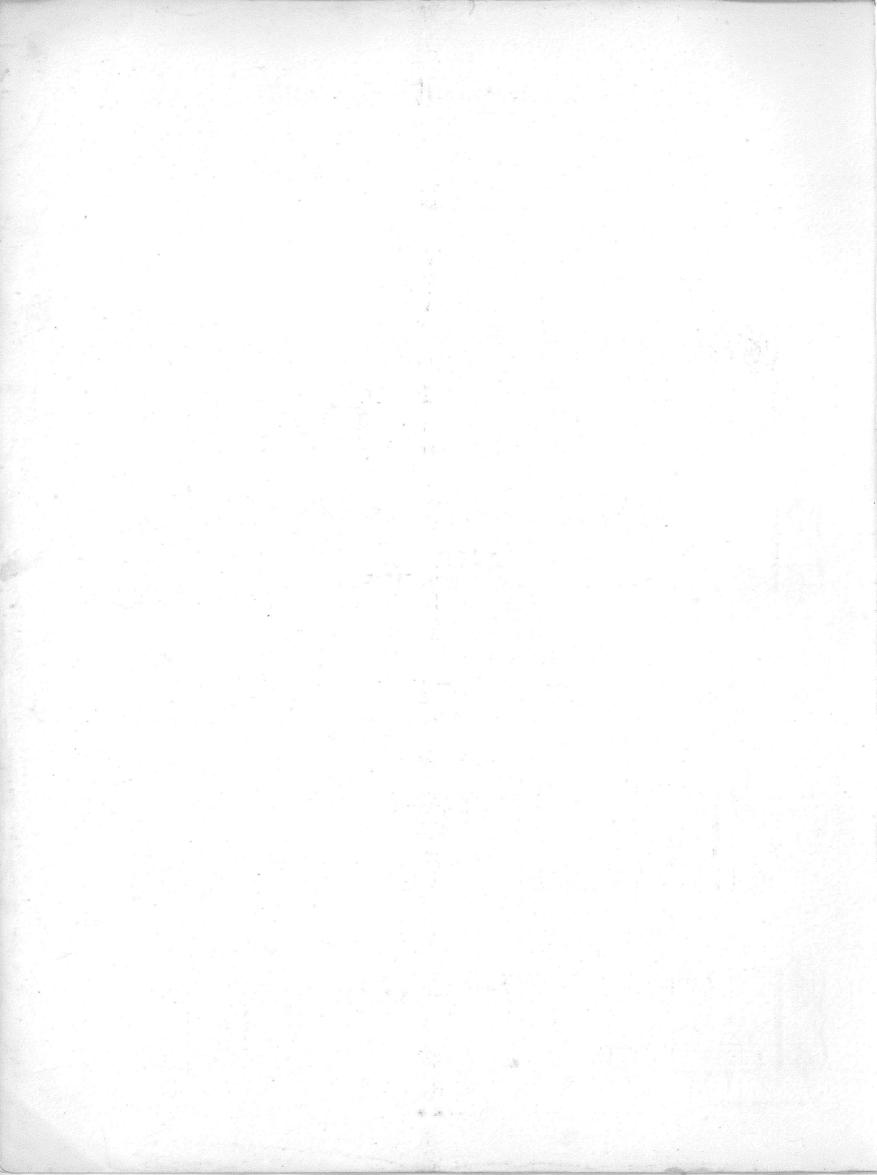
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