

# BEAUTIFUL DREAMER

1864

In barely twenty years of active composing, Stephen Foster wrote more than 200 songs, a considerable number of which may be regarded as masterpieces, in spite of the simplicity of lyric and melody. Perhaps it is just this unembellished naiveté which gives these songs their world-wide popularity.

"Beautiful Dreamer" is possibly the last song Foster wrote, for he died soon afterwards, even before it was published. It is one of his better songs and one of a half dozen which has remained popular for over 120 years. Its lyric and melodic qualities give it the character of an art song. However, it harmonizes easily and its tender lyric is worth singing again and again.

CHORUS:

By STEPHEN FOSTER  
(1826-1864)

1 Beau - ti - ful Dream - er, 2 wake un - to me, \_\_\_\_\_

3 Star - light and dew - drops are wait - ing for thee; \_\_\_\_\_

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thee, for thee; \_\_\_\_\_

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Sounds of the rude world heard in the day,

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Lulled by the moon-light have all passed a-way.

bass melody

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Beau-ti-ful Dream-er, queen of my song,

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List while I woo thee with soft mel-o-dy;

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Gone are the cares of life's bus-y throng,

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15 16 un - to me.

8 Beau - ti - ful Dream - er, a - wake un - to me. un - to me.

17 18 un - to me.

8 Beau - ti - ful Dream - er, a - wake un - to me. un - to me.

bass melody

TAG: 19 20 rit. un - to me.

8 Beau - ti - ful Dream - er, wake un - to me.

*Additional chorus:*

Beautiful Dreamer, out on the sea, mermaids are chanting the wild Lorelei;  
 Over the streamlet vapors are borne, waiting to fade at the bright coming morn.  
 Beautiful Dreamer, beam on my heart, e'en as the morn on the streamlet and sea;  
 Then will all clouds of sorrow depart, Beautiful Dreamer, awake unto me.  
 Beautiful Dreamer, awake unto me.