



# the four friends

Horton C. Allison

(1846-1926)

Allegro

S *mf* Four mer - ry friends to - geth - er met, There nev - er was a *cresc.*

A *mf* Four mer - ry friends to - geth - er met, There nev - er was a *cresc.*

T *mf* Four mer - ry friends to - geth - er met, There nev - er was a *cresc.*

B *mf* Four mer - ry friends to - geth - er met, There nev - er was a *cresc.*

S <sup>4</sup> *f* > gay - er set, They sang and talked and as they quaffed The ru - by wine they

A *f* > gay - er set, They sang and talked and as they quaffed The ru - by wine they

T *f* > gay - er set, They sang and talked and as they quaffed The ru - by wine they

B *f* > gay - er set, They sang and talked and as they quaffed The ru - by wine they

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S gai - ly laugh'd, Till one got up and gave a toast In words like these: "My -

A gai - ly laugh'd, Till one got up and gave a toast In words like these: "My

T gai - ly laugh'd, Till one got up and gave a toast In words like these: "My

B gai - ly laugh'd, Till one got up and gave a toast In words like these: "My

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S friends, I boast My love is fair - er maid to be, Than that of ei - ther

A friends, I boast My love is fair - er maid to be, Than that of ei - ther

T friends, I boast My love is fair - er maid to be, Than that of ei - ther

B friends, I boast My love is fair - er maid to be, Than that of ei - ther

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S *rit.* of you three." *mf* Each friend then an - swered, "Nay, but mine Is

A *rit.* of you three." *mf* Each friend then an - swered, "Nay, but mine Is

T *rit.* of you three." *mf* Each friend then an - swered, "Nay, but mine Is

B *rit.* of you three." *mf* Each friend then an - swered, "Nay, but mine Is

19 *cresc.* *f* *>*

S fair - er far than thine, or thine!" Then there a - rose an an - gry noise, A -

A fair - er far than thine, or thine!" Then there a - rose an an - gry noise, A -

T fair - er far than thine, or thine!" Then there a - rose an an - gry noise, A -

B fair - er far than thine, or thine!" Then there a - rose an an - gry noise, A -

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S mong this set of mer - ry boys. Each boon com - pan - ion loud - ly said His

A mong this set of mer - ry boys. Each boon com - pan - ion loud - ly said His

T mong this set of mer - ry boys. Each boon com - pan - ion loud - ly said His

B mong this set of mer - ry boys. Each boon com - pan - ion loud - ly said His

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S was the best and fair - est maid, From words ere long they

A was the best and fair - est maid, From words ere long they

T was the best and fair - est maid, From words ere long they

B was the best and fair - est maid, From words ere long they

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S  
came to blows, And now, a - las, those friends are —

A  
came to blows, And now, a - las, those friends are foes.

T  
came to blows, And now, a - las, those friends are foes.

B  
came to blows, And now, a - las, those friends are foes.

*rit.*

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(1846-1926) was born in Marylebone, London, England, the son of a language teacher. He studied at the Royal Academy Of Music, and in Leipzig. He graduated from Cambridge and Durham University. He became a concert pianist and music examiner and was organist at St. James', Westminster St., London. He settled at Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, Lancashire. He was an active composer and works include a symphony and other orchestral works, chamber works, a march for brass band, piano works, cantatas, anthems, songs, and part-songs. He died in Manchester, Lancashire, England.

Four merry friends together met,  
There never was a gayer set,  
hey sang and talked and as they quaffed  
The ruby wine they gaily laughed,  
Till one got up and gave a toast  
In words like these: "My friends, I boast  
My love is fairer maid to be,  
Than that of either of you three."

Each friend then answered, "Nay, but mine  
Is fairer far than thine, or thine!"  
Then there arose an angry noise,  
Among this set of merry boys.  
Each boon companion loudly said  
His was the best and fairest maid,  
From words ere long they came to blows,  
And now, alas, those friends are foes.

Pax.

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