

## S. L. Fish (1846-1893)

**Stephan Loomer Fish** (1846-1893) was born in Palmyra, Wisconsin. [Some records have spelling variants "Stephen" and/or "Lohmer" Fish]. He spent a number of years associated with Horatio Richmond Palmer holding music conventions throughout Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. During last part of his career he taught voice culture, singing and chorus work at Illinois Wesleyan University and was director of the First Presbyterian choir in Bloomington, Illinois. He was also conductor of the Peoria Choral Union. He died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He composed many anthems and part songs, most of them for convention and educational use.

Oh, mamma, what will grandpa do? He's gone away to heaven, Without the silver spectacles That Uncle John had given; How can he read the papers there, Or find his hickory staff? He'll put his coat on wrong side out, And make the people laugh!

And when he takes the Bible down And wipes the dusty lid,
He'll never find his spectacles Within its cover hid;
There won't be any little girl He likes as well as me,
To run and hunt them up for him And put them on his knee.

Oh, dear! he'll never find the place About "the wicked flee,"And how the bears ate children up, (That used to frighten me):So, mamma, if you'll dress me up Just like an angel bright,I'll fix our ladder 'gainst the sky And take them up tonight.

Martha L. Rayne (1836-1911)

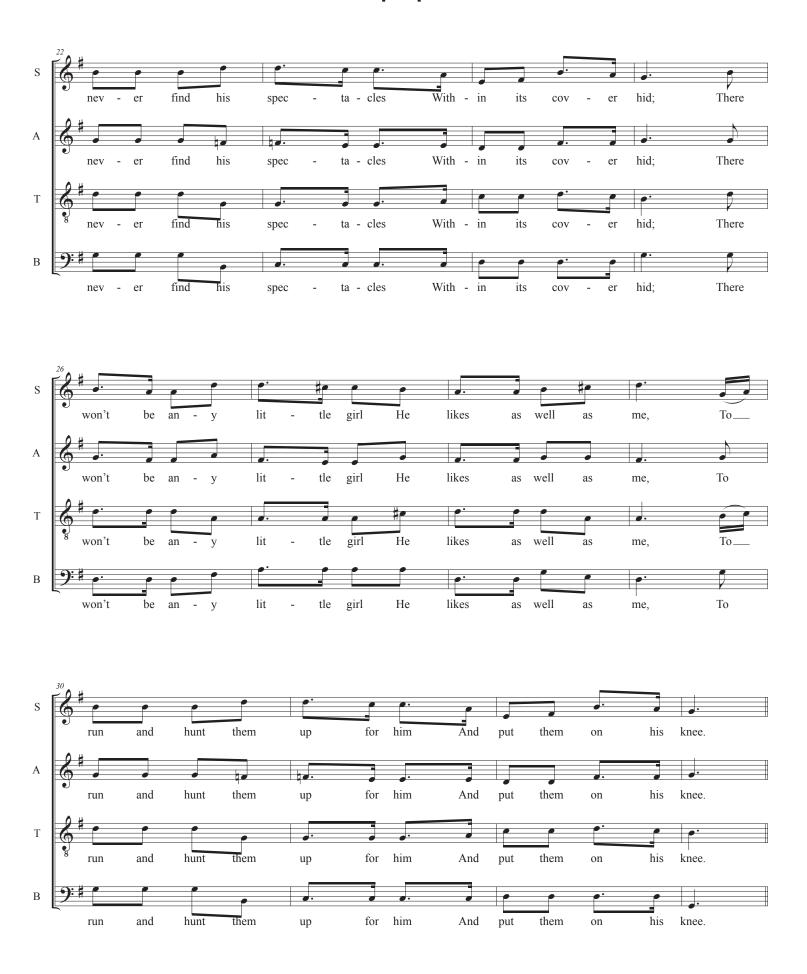
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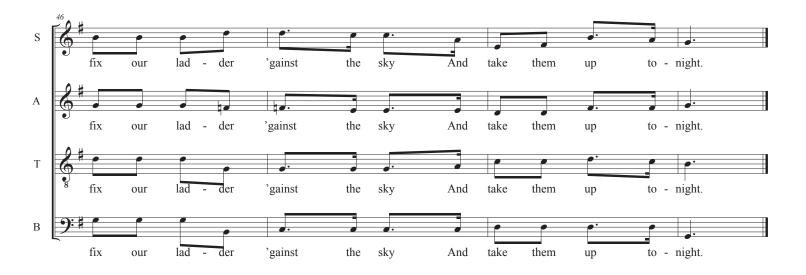


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