



**Not a Spot
on Earth So Pleasant**

**Wm. B. Bradbury
(1816-1868)**

William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868) was born in York, Maine, where his father was the leader of a church choir. He spent much time as a child studying music on his own. The family moved to Boston and he began organ lessons. He attended singing classes taught by Lowell Mason, was admitted to Mason's Bowdin Street church choir, and quickly became known as an organist. With Mason's help, he taught a singing school in Machias, Maine. He lived in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada, returned to Boston, then went to Brooklyn, New York City, as organist at the First Baptist Church. He became organist at the Baptist Tabernacle in NYC and began teaching singing classes. He went to London and Germany, where he studied harmony, composition, and vocal and instrumental music with prominent teachers of the time. Returning to New York, he devoted his time to teaching, conducting conventions, composing, and editing music books. With his brother, Edward G. Bradbury, he started the Bradbury Piano Company. He died in Montclair, New Jersey. He was the author and compiler of fifty-nine books and wrote many hymns and Sunday school songs. His church songs were models for many song writers that followed. In 1862, he wrote the music to the poem "Jesus Loves Me" and added the chorus: "Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves me."

Not a spot on earth so pleasant
As the place in which I dwell;
O'er the way a maiden liveth,
Fairer far than words can tell,
When at morn the watch I'm keeping,
Those mild beams of light to greet,
Thro' the lattice, slyly peeping,
Two bright morning stars I greet.

Even when the clouds hang o'er us,
And obscure the sun's clear beams;
These light orbs are ever glowing,
As they thro' the lattice gleam,
Thro' my heart warm rays are darting,
When from yonder cot they stream,
Then, O then, no spot so pleasant
As the place in which I dwell.

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S *mf* Not a spot on earth so plea - sant As the place in which I

A *mf* Not a spot on earth so plea - sant As the place in which I

T *p* Not a spot on earth so plea - sant As the place in which I

B *p* Not a spot on earth so plea - sant As the place in which I

S ⁴ dwell; O'er the way a maid - en liv - eth, Fair - er

A dwell; O'er the way a maid - en liv - eth, Fair - er

T dwell; O'er the way a maid - en liv - eth,

B dwell; O'er the way a maid - en liv - eth,



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S far than words can tell, When at morn the watch I'm

A far than words can tell, When at morn the watch I'm

T Fair - er far than words can tell, When at morn the watch I'm

B Fair - er far than words can tell, When at morn the watch I'm

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S keep - ing, Those mild beams of light to greet, Thro' the

A keep - ing, Those mild beams of light to greet, Thro' the

T keep - ing, Those mild beams of light to greet,

B keep - ing, Those mild beams of light to greet,

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S lat - tice, sly - ly peep - ing, Two bright morn - ing stars I *rit.*

A lat - tice, sly - ly peep - ing, Two bright morn - ing stars I *rit.*

T Thro' the lat - tice, sly - ly peep - ing, Two bright morn - ing stars I *rit.*

B Thro' the lat - tice, sly - ly peep - ing, Two bright morn - ing stars I *rit.*

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S greet, Two bright morn - ing stars, Two bright morn - ing stars, Two bright

A greet, Two bright morn - ing stars, Two bright morn - ing stars, Two bright

T greet, Two bright

B greet, Two bright

19

S morn - ing stars I greet. *mf* E - ven when the clouds hang

A morn - ing stars I greet. *mf* E - ven when the clouds hang

T morn - ing stars I greet. *p* E - ven when the clouds hang

B morn - ing stars I greet. *p* E - ven when the clouds hang

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S o'er us, And ob - scure the sun's clear beams; These light

A o'er us, And ob - scure the sun's clear beams; These light

T o'er us, And ob - scure the sun's clear beams;

B o'er us, And ob - scure the sun's clear beams;

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S orbs are ev - er glow - ing, As they thro' the lat - tice

A orbs are ev - er glow - ing, As they thro' the lat - tice

T These light orbs are ev - er glow - ing, As they thro' the lat - tice

B These light orbs are ev - er glow - ing, As they thro' the lat - tice

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S gleam, Thro' my heart warm rays are dart - ing, When from

A gleam, Thro' my heart warm rays are dart - ing, When from

T gleam, Thro' my heart warm rays are dart - ing, When from

B gleam, Thro' my heart warm rays are dart - ing, When from

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S yon - der cot they stream, Then, O then, no spot so

A yon - der cot they stream, Then, O then, no spot so

T yon - der cot they stream, Then, O then, no spot so

B yon - der cot they stream, Then, O then, no spot so

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S
plea - sant As the place in which I dwell, As that

A
plea - sant As the place in which I dwell, As that

T
plea - sant As the place in which I dwell,

B
plea - sant As the place in which I dwell,

rit.

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S
where I dwell, As that where I dwell, As the place in which I dwell.

A
where I dwell, As that where I dwell, As the place in which I dwell.

T
As the place in which I dwell.

B
As the place in which I dwell.

rit.

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