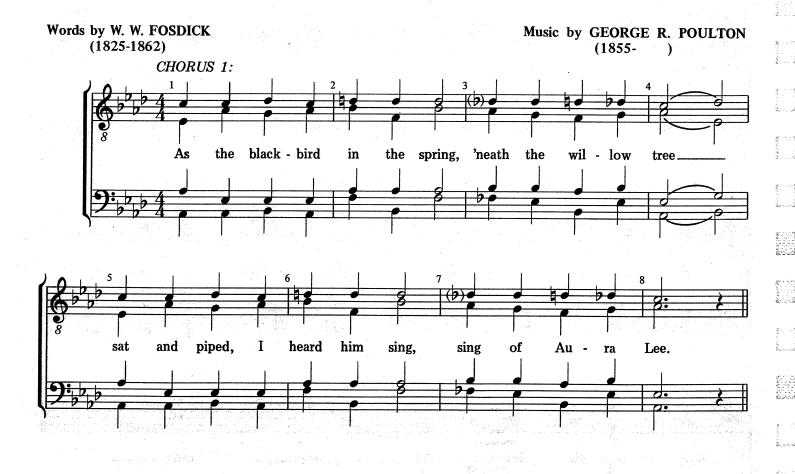
## AURA LEE

1861

Little is known about the writers of one of America's best known melodies. Who George Poulton was, or where he came from, no one seems to know. W. W. Fosdick, a poet and writer, was born in Cincinnati in 1825 and died in 1862.

There may be a bit of folk song in this melody; it was known in the early years of the 19th Century. It was certainly popular in Civil War days. In more recent times, Elvis Presley contributed additional words for this old favorite, and it surged to new heights of popularity as "Love Me Tender." It's an easy melody and perfect for close harmonizing.



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