

# THE SPINNING WHEEL

for S.S.A. voices and piano

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WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR (1775-1864)\*

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Pensively (♩ = ca. 84-88)

PIANO

*mp*

3 ALL VOICES

Moth - er, I can - not

mind my wheel. Moth - er, I can - not mind my wheel.

\* Walter Savage Landor, an English poet and writer of prose, was born in Warwick, England on Jan. 30, 1775. He was the son of a doctor and a wealthy mother. Landor was educated at Rugby and at Trinity College, Oxford. In 1808 he fought as a volunteer for the Spanish War of Liberation against the French. Three years later, Landor moved to Wales and married Julia Thuiller, whom he had met at a dance in the town of Bath. Landor and his wife spent time in England and France, but eventually settled with their four children in Italy. During his life, Landor was friends with such great writers as Charles Dickens, Elizabeth Barrett, and Robert Browning. Landor died in September of 1864. "The Spinning Wheel" is a setting of Landor's "Mother, I Cannot Mind My Wheel."

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My fin-gers ache, \_\_\_\_\_ my lips are dry, oh Moth-er, I can-not mind my

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*mf*

wheel. Oh, if you feel the pain I feel! But

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oh, who has ev-er felt as Oh Moth-er, Moth-er, I

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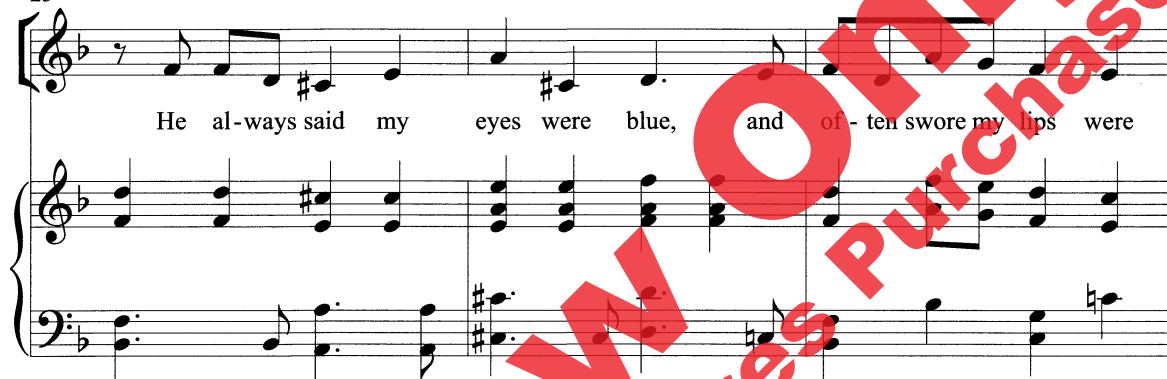
*mp*

can - not mind my wheel. No long-er could I doubt him true, could

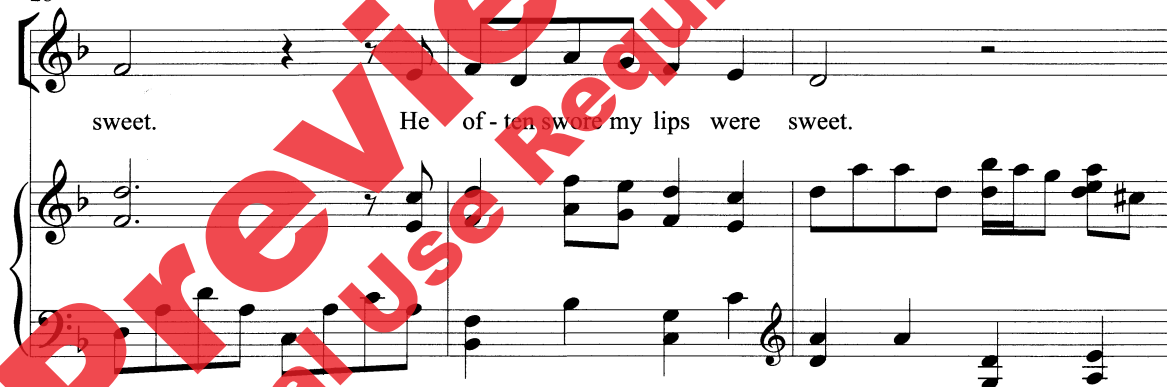
doubt him true. All oth - er men may use de - ceit, may use de - ceit.



He al - ways said my eyes were blue, and of - ten swore my lips were



sweet. He of - ten swore my lips were sweet.



34 ALTO only

*mp*

Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not mind my wheel.      Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not

*mp*

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mind my wheel.      My fin-gers ache, \_\_\_\_\_ my lips are dry,      oh

40 SOPRANO I

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SOPRANO II

*mf*

Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not

ALTO

*mf*

Moth - er,      I can-not mind my wheel.      Oh,      if you feel the

*mf*

mind my wheel. Moth - er, I can - not mind my wheel.

pain I feel! But oh, who has ev - er felt as I? Oh

My fin-gers ache, my lips are dry, oh Moth - er, I can - not mind my

Moth - er, Moth - er, I can - not mind my

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*mf*

Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can - not mind my wheel.

wheel. Oh, if you feel the pain I feel! But

wheel. No long - er could I doubt him true, could doubt him true. All

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Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can - not mind my wheel. My fin - gers ache, \_\_\_\_\_

oh, who has ev - er felt as I? Oh Moth - er,

oth - er men may use de - ceit, may use de - ceit. He al - ways said my

— my lips are dry, oh Moth - er, I can - not mind my wheel.

Moth - er, I can - not mind my wheel. No

eyes were blue, and of - ten swore my lips were sweet.

Oh, if you feel the pain I feel! But oh, who has ev - er

long - er could I doubt him true, could doubt him true. All oth - er men may use de - ceit, may

Moth - er, — I can - not mind my wheel. Moth - er, — I can - not

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felt as I? Oh Moth - er, Moth - er, I  
 use de - ceit. He al - ways said my eyes were blue and  
 mind my wheel. My fin - gers ache, my lips are dry, on

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can - not mind my wheel. He of - ten swore my lips were  
 of - ten swore my lips were sweet. He of - ten swore my lips were  
 Moth - er, I can - not mind my wheel. He of - ten swore my lips were

*decresc.*

*decresc.*

*decresc.*

*decresc.*



*mp*

sweet.

Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not mind my wheel.

sweet.

Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not

sweet.

*mp**rit.*

Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not mind my

*rit.*

mind my wheel.

I can-not mind my

*rit.*

Moth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not mind my wheel, mind my

*rit.*

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*p a tempo*

wheel.

*p a tempo*

wheel.

*p a tempo*

wheel.

*p a tempo*

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*molto rit.**p**ten. ten.*

I can - not mind my wheel.\_\_\_\_

*molto rit.**p**ten. ten.*

I can - not mind my wheel.\_\_\_\_

*molto rit.**p**ten. ten.*

I can - not mind my wheel.\_\_\_\_

*molto rit.**ten. ten.*

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