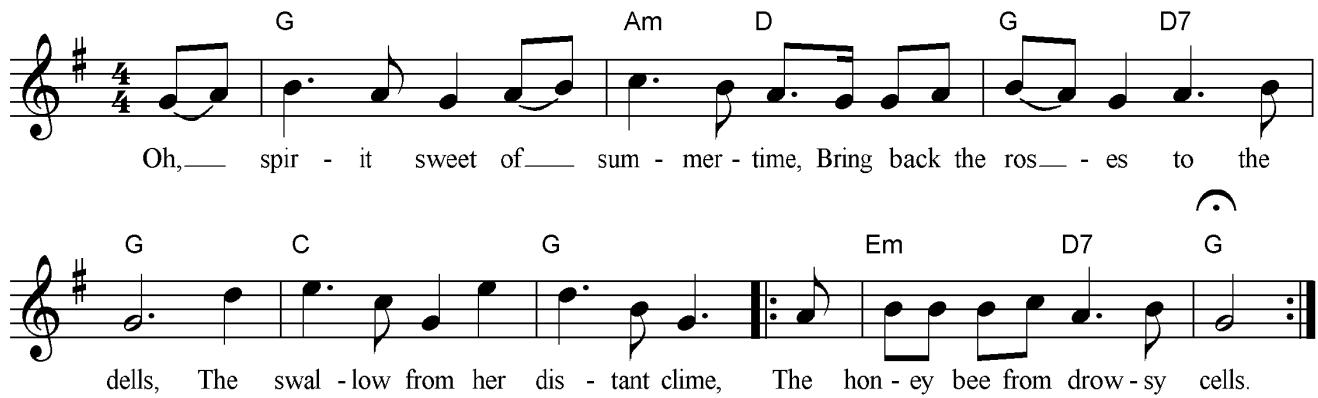


# Spirit of the summertime / Song

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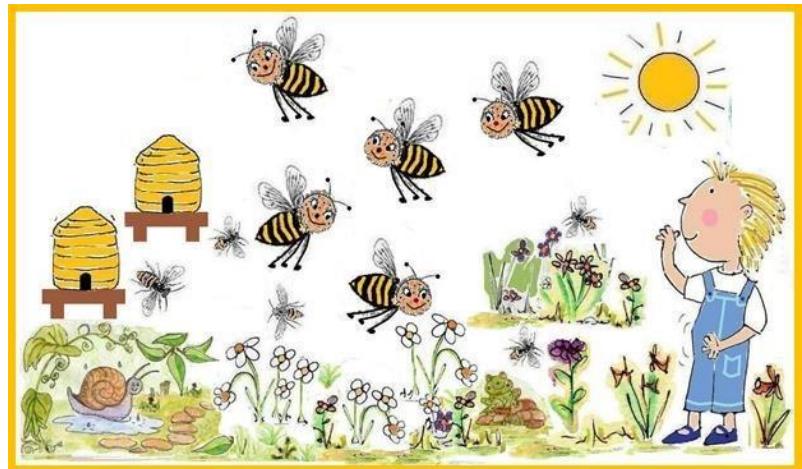
*An evocation of the summer.*

*William Allingham was born at Ballyshannon, Donegal in Ireland on March 19th, 1824. His most well known poem is 'The fairies / Up the airy mountain'. Music by Dany Rosevear.*



Music notation for 'Spirit of the summertime' in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are:

Oh, spirit sweet of summertime, Bring back the roses to the dells,  
The swallow from her distant clime, The honey-bee from drowsy cells.



Oh spirit sweet of summertime!  
Bring back the roses to the dells;  
The swallow from her distant clime,  
The honey-bee from drowsy cells.

Bring back the friendship of the sun;  
The gilded evenings, calm and late,  
When merry children homeward run,  
And peeping stars bid lovers wait.

Bring back the singing; bring the scent  
Of meadowlands at dewy prime;  
Oh, bring again my heart's content,  
Thou Spirit sweet of summertime