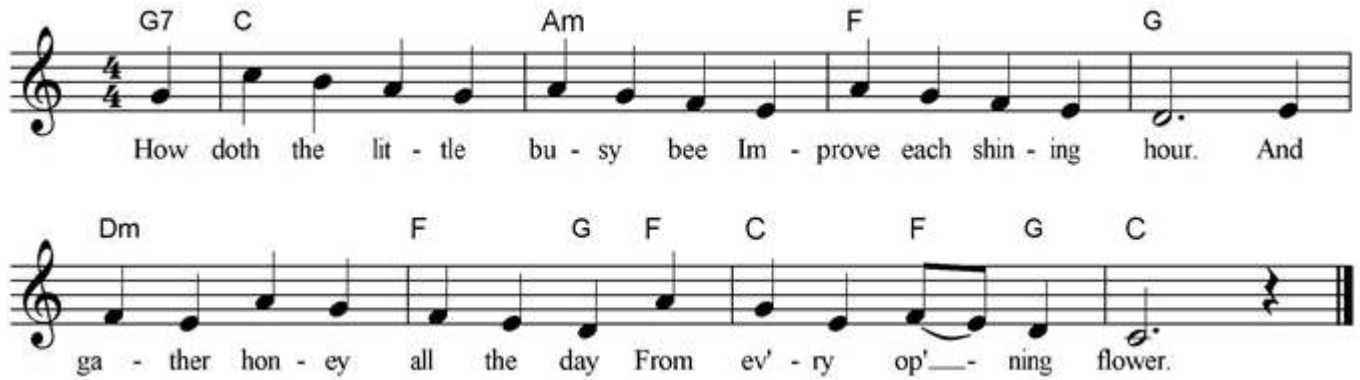


How doth the little busy bee

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This poem 'Against Idleness and Mischief' by Isaac Watts, (1674–1748) was also the original poem Alice tried to recite in 'Alice in Wonderland' which came out as 'How doth the little crocodile'.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). Chords above the staff are G7, C, Am, F, and G. The lyrics are: "How doth the lit - tle bu - sy bee Im - prove each shin - ing hour. And". The second staff has a treble clef and the same key signature. The notes are: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (half). Chords above the staff are Dm, F, G, F, C, F, G, and C. The lyrics are: "ga - ther hon - ey all the day From ev' - ry op' - - ning flower."

How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower.

How skilfully she builds her cell;
How neat she spreads her wax,
And labors hard to store it well
With the sweet food she makes.

In works of labor or of skill,
I would be busy too;
For there are some find mischief still
For idle hands to do.

In books, or work, or healthful play,
Let my first years be passed;
That I may give for every day
Some good account at last.



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