

The Bath Song

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Sing hey! for the bath at the close of day that wash-es the wea-ry mud a-way a

loon is he that will not sing; O! Wa-ter Hot is a no-ble thing! O!

Sweet is the sound of the fall-ing rain and the brook that leaps from hill to plain; but

bet-ter than rain or rip-ling streams is Wa-ter Hot that smokes and steams!

*O! Water cold we may pour at need
down a thirsty throat and be glad indeed;
but better is Beer if drink we lack,
and Water Hot poured down the back.*

*O! Water is fair that leaps on high
in a fountain white beneath the sky;
but never did fountain sound so sweet
as splashing Hot Water with my feet!*