

## Oh, charming May!

Words written by P. Henry Hatch; (1832-1905)  
the music composed by George Herbert Rodwell (1800-1852)  
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1.

Oh, charming May! Oh, charming May!  
Fresh, fair, fair and gay,  
That com'st from thy bow'rs,  
'Mid perfume and flow'rs  
Charming, charming, charming May!

Thou art spring with its wint'ry days gone by  
And summer without its scorching sky  
The sun may be bright the storm may be free,  
but the tranquil beauty of May for me,  
the tranquil beauty of May for me,

Oh, charming May! Oh, charming May!  
Fresh, fair, fair and gay,  
That com'st from thy bow'rs,  
'Mid perfume and flow'rs;  
Charming, charming, charming May!  
Charming, charming, charming  
charming, charming May!

2.

Oh, charming May! Oh, charming May!  
Fresh, fair, fair and gay,  
That com'st from thy bow'rs,  
'Mid perfume and flow'rs  
Charming, charming, charming May!

There is gladness and joy in thy genial face,  
fit emblem of innocence, freshness and grace,  
there is peaceful delight to me ever dear,  
in the charming May, the Queen-month of the year,  
in the charming May, the Queen-month of the year,

Oh, charming May! Oh, charming May!  
Fresh, fair, fair and gay,  
That com'st from thy bow'rs,  
'Mid perfume and flow'rs;  
Charming, charming, charming May!  
Charming, charming, charming  
charming, charming May!

*"Sung with the most unbounded applause by  
Miss Rebecca Isaacs, Miss Messent, Mrs. Alexander Newton, Miss Eyles, Miss Cubitt,  
Mrs. Sunderland, Miss Rose Braham, and all the leading vocalists".*