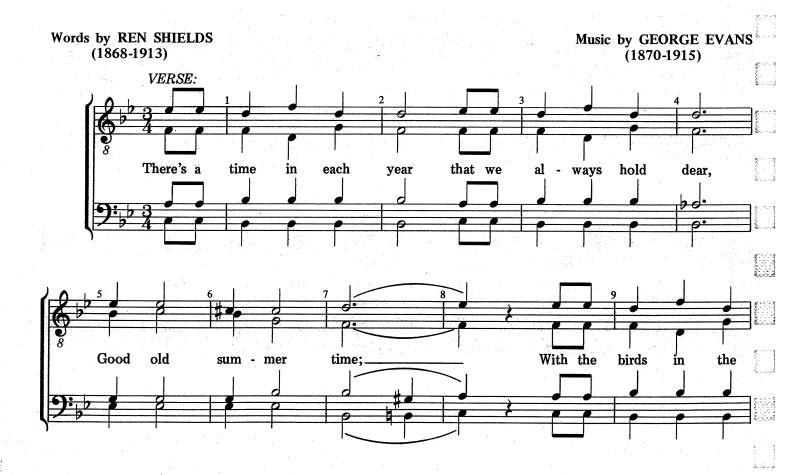
## IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

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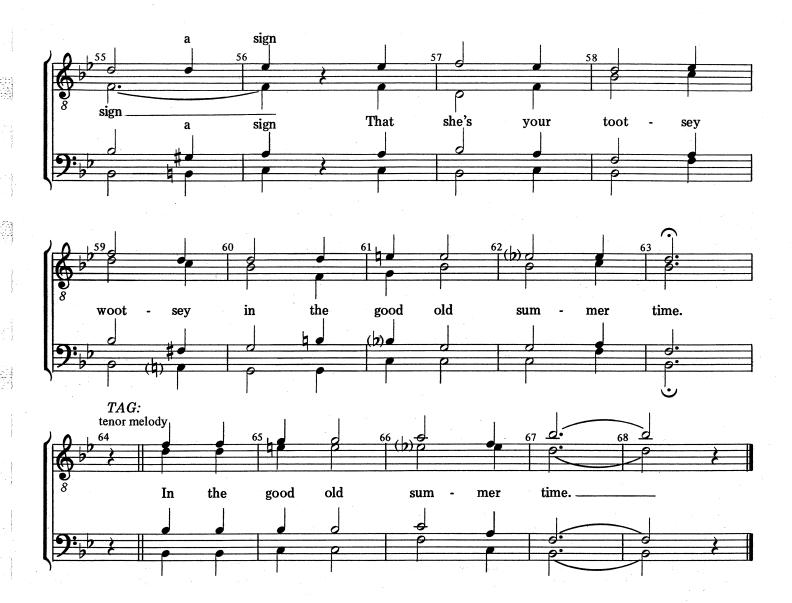
1902 was a banner year for songwriters, but easily the best song of that year was one written by a Chicago-born vaudevillian, Ren Shields, and George "Honey Boy" Evans, a Welshman, who was one of the era's outstanding blackface performers. Because of its seasonal title, they had difficulty finding a publisher until Blanche Ring, a singing star, introduced it to New York audiences. It was an immediate sensation and has continued as one of America's best loved close harmony songs. Its uncomplicated harmonic pattern makes it fun and easy to harmonize, as proved by every impromptu gathering of singers . . . any season of the year.



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## Additional verse:

To swim in the pool, you'd play "hooky" from school, good old summer time; You'd play "ring-a-rosie" with Jim, Kate and Josie, good old summer time. Those days full of pleasure we now fondly treasure, when we never thought it a crime To go stealing cherries with face brown as berries, good old summer time.