

THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE'S



TO THE TUNE OF THE MOUNTAINS OF MOURN.

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The village of Damerham is a wonderful place
And we would not be singing if it were not the case.
Happenings and characters are the life of this place,
And we'll tell you about some if you give us a space.
There's a Herby, a Percy and a Daisy or two
There are Baverstocks and Watermans and Tillers not a few;
The village of Damerham is a wonderful place
And we wouldn't be singing if it were not the case.

Tonight we look back on the year that is past
With such happy memories we know they will last,
From the vicarage in February a Moule disappeared
Though many were left in the garden we feared.
When came cold March winds the vicarage did glow,
Paint pots and brushes were all on the go.
The vicarage of Damerham's a wonderful place
And we wouldn't be singing if it were not the case.

One grey day in April the Bishop did come
To see round the parish and meet everyone
The ladies were handing out all the spread
While the Dean and the Bishop measured each other's head.
The Bishop pressed curate to play his guitar
But without all the strings he couldn't get very far
The Church of St. George's is a wonderful place,
And we wouldn't be singing if it were not the case.

The fourth of July was a wonderful day
Stalls and Teas in the garden made everything gay.
But cakes in the sun was our biggest mistake,
The table was dripping with cream from the cake.
Now the thing that proved such a splendid success
Was a look at the village in the days of Aunt Bess.
There were pictures of you when you were at school,
And eavesdropping comments "Don't 'e look a fool"
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The season of cricket got off to a start
When first asked to play the curate hadn't the heart
But a little persuasion got him to play
And they ever after regretted the day.
His batting was bad but one memorable match
He woke to discover he'd made a good catch.
O the cricket is good in this wonderful place
And we wouldn't be singing if it were a disgrace!

And now we have come to the end of our song,
And these things you will see on the screen before long.
We've sung about Bishop, cricket, party and stall,
And suggested many things we might like to recall,
There are still many things about which we could tell,
But the details of which we don't know very well.
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And we would not be singing if it were not the case.