

H.E. Bates Oh! To Be in England

Read by **Philip Franks**







1	1-1	Oh! To Be in England	4:29
2	1-2	Lady Violet turned and led the way into the cramped spaces	4:03
3	1-3	It was like seeing another bit of England go.	4:14
4	1-4	Chapter 2: After quenching his thirst	5:05
5	1-5	While Pop had gone into the house	5:09
6	1-6	Accustomed as he was to living in the Larkin household	4:47
7	1-7	Crushingly defeated by this blank, simple statement	5:36
8	1-8	Chapter 3: Two days later the morning was so beautiful	5:49
9	1-9	Miss Brown was unforgettable.	6:18
10	1-10	Chapter 4: Late that evening	5:08
11	1-11	When Pop finally went upstairs ten minutes later	5:04
12	1-12	After Pop had apologized for the absence of Mr Charlton	7:22
13	1-13	In a daze, the sudden victim of open feminine entreaty	5:47

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14	Ten minutes later Mr Candy was sitting in the buggy	7:09
15	Chapter 5: Over-smartly dressed in a light blue suit	4:38
16	The Captain, in the middle of the stiffest of bows	5:23
17	The Captain was confused.	5:03
18	The Captain, though greatly flattered	5:18
19	The Captain hesitated about the woods.	5:19
20	Ma's casual suggestion about telephoning the Captain's wife	7:39
21	Chapter 6: On a damp dull afternoon in mid-July	4:57
22	29 Something like an alarmed sigh instantly answered him	5:14
23	Pop, pump-handling with friendly vigour	5:32
24	2-11 The horror of seeing a loaded gun pointed at someone	5:18
25	Edith, coming out of a sort of mad trance	4:53
26	'Edith's looking a bit pale round the gills an' all too today'	5:14

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27	3-1	Chapter 7: Mademoiselle Dupont stood in the sunshine	4:44
28	3-2	The Brigadier, bowing with a certain military stiffness	5:07
29	3-3	Oats were turning to a beautiful pinkish yellow in some fields	4:49
30	3-4	Chapter 8: While Mademoiselle Dupont, overwhelmed	4:53
31	3-5	By no means tranquil yet	5:10
32	3-6	The Rev. Candy and Mademoiselle Dupont shook hands	5:02
33	3-7	The twins were dreadfully, dangerously alike	5:19
34	3-8	'And what, please, are your names?'	4:09
35	3-9	He seized one of the proffered sandwiches with alacrity	4:44
36	3-10	Chapter 9: Ma woke in the night, disturbed	5:00
37	3-11	Some few seconds later he heard the sound that Ma had heard	. 4:27
38	3-12	By the time he reached the meadow all trace of mist had cleared.	5:10
39	3-13	'Does Mr Candy disturb you?' she suddenly said.	5:07
40	3-14	Pop felt himself recoil under the sheer brilliant weight	6:01

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41	4-1	Chapter 10: On Sunday morning, while the Larkins	4:55
42	4-2	Little Oscar was sitting in a chair at the table	5:13
43	4-3	To the collective allurements of the Larkin family	5:04
44	4-4	Instantly Oscar, rudely deprived of the pleasure	5:14
45	4-5	'Are you two wearing the right ribbons?' Ma said.	4:35
46	4-6	Chapter 11: By mid afternoon the sun was shining brilliantly	4:57
47	4-7	'I think you have visitors, Mr Larkin,' he said.	8:39

Total time: 4:08:47



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