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## A National Monument of English Song

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#### INTRODUCTORY ESSAY ON ENGLISH FOLK-MUSIC



T is not easy for me to say more on a topic already treated by me with some fulness in my introduction to "The Songs of the West," and also to "The Garland of Country Song." Nor, although I head this article Essay, can I do more than give personal reminiscences in Songhunting.

That there has been folk-music in England, as certainly as there has been in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, I take to be indisputable. A wiseacre of a reviewer of one of the above collections expressed his incredulity, because, said he, he had never heard the rustic sing anything except the last music-hall air, "Tarrara-boom-deay," or "Pop goes the Weasel." I have no doubt that he never did hear anything else, because he never placed himself in such situation as would enable him to hear English traditional folk-song.

Of late years there has been a cheap-jack travelling through Surrey and Sussex, and where he stops there he offers a kettle as a prize to any woman who will sing him the best ballad, and a spade to any man who will sing the best song. Probably the cheap-jack would apportion the prize to the singer who gave out that ballad or song which had been dearest to him as a child, as sung by his mother, and ten to one that song would be set in a Gregorian mode. There is a dear old fellow, a hedger, who has sung to me for the last ten years, an hereditary "song-man," who loves a minor melody, and who cannot appreciate one in the "modo lascivo," as was called the modern scale by the Italian church musicians of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Those who would hear the folk-music of our English peasantry must go amongst them, must gain their confidence, and must show them that their own hearts warm to one of the ancient melodies that are dear to the labourer in the fields. But it will be lost labour if they go to some of the prigs turned out by our Board Schools.

In Old England there was plenty of folk-music. The Harvest Homes, Whitsun Ales, Sheep-Shearing feasts, and Bell-Ringers' suppers were occasions when such songs came out. But these popular gatherings of the people are gone, and their places taken by Harvest and Missionary teas, to which women flock, but from which men keep away.

Under the date 1778, William Gardiner of Leicester writes in the third volume of his "Music and Friends":— "With what glee did I mount the harvest waggon for the fun of jolting over the rugged roads to the wheat-field. From shock to shock it slowly moved to gather the rustling sheaves. In the rear of the reapers were a flock of shearers—some pretty village girls—for one of whom I would have pilfered some ears to enrich her store, had I dared do so. The day's toil over, we hastened home for the harvest supper. At the head of the board sat the worthy host, by whose side I was placed. Then came Will, Ralph, Joe, and Jim, with their wives and helpers. Presently a shoulder of mutton, scorching hot, as the day had been, a plum-pudding, and a roasted goose were put on the table, when they soon fell to, each playing his part in good earnest. The gingered ale went merrily round. Joe, who was a good singer, was called upon to entertain the company. Seeing them tippling a little too fast, he admonished them in the following song:—

> 'Beware of swallowing too much ale ; The more you drink, The worse you think ; Perchance your health and purse will fail ; Beware of swallowing too much ale.'

The jokes growing coarser as it grew late, I was taken to bed from a scene not to be imitated. Perhaps there is no period in which we enjoy these rural pleasures as in the time of our youth."

William Gardiner says that in his boyhood, during the last half of last century, a man named Davy Black lived in a thatched cottage among the ruins of Leicester Abbey. "Black was a very pleasant fellow, enjoyed his pipe and a jug of mild ale, was fond of music, and sang a good song. In the better sort of public-houses it was not uncommon for half-a-dozen good voices to fire off song after song the night through. There was singular humour in our friend Davy's performance of the following :---

'I know that I went to the fair, The miller's daughter, Sue, was there; Her beauty made me gape and stare, A woeful sight for John.
I fell in love upon the place;
I told her my unhappy case;
Yet still she turned away her face, And bid me get me gone.'

It was accompanied by a boon companion of his, with a twanging sound through the nose, like a *pizzicato* bass, that had a droll, and not unpleasant effect."

"At this time,"-the last thirty years of the cighteenth century,-says William Gardiner again, "every village had its wake, and the lower orders were comparatively in a state of ease and plenty. Then every place was proud of its maypole and spacious green, kept for sports and pastimes; but what contributed to their solid comforts was their common and open field, upon which they kept their pig and poultry, and sometimes a cow. When the wake came, the stocking-maker had peas and beans in his snug garden, and a good barrel of humming ale. The year was chequered with holidays, wakes, and fairs; it was not one dull round of labour. The maypole with its pastimes, and the games of singlestick and wrestling, have now disappeared. These were the sports of the ruder part of the peasantry; the artisans, who were more cultivated, had their amusements at home; they were members of the village choir, and on the Wake Sunday every one who had a voice, and could lend a hand with hautboy, bassoon, or flute, repaired to the singing loft in the church, to swell with heart and voice the psalm or anthem-the clowns below gaping with mute surprise. At Rathby a family of the Smedleys, from Derbyshire, attended the wake every year. They were the last of the minstrels in this part of the country. These itinerant musicians joined the choir on the Wake Sunday, with assistants from the neighbouring villages, produced what was called a grand crash, that never failed to fill the church. The music at Sapcote wake was still more respectable, as the choir was supported by an opulent farmer of the name of Smith. He was a tall, stout man, with an extraordinarily powerful voice, and while singing accompanied himself on the violoncello. His plan was to place the instrument on a chair, standing up to play it, and in a solo would exert himself with a degree of enthusiasm that delighted some, and surprised every one."

The William Gardiner, from whom I have made these quotations, was a singular man, an enthusiast for sacred music, and a stocking-maker in Leicester. He evinced his admiration for Haydn by sending him six pairs of stockings from his own loom, with the music of "My mother bids me bind my hair," "The leviathan," the sonata, "Consummatum est," the andante in the "Surprise symphony," and the Austrian National Anthem woven into the fabric.

By some curious fatality no collectors of English folk-music arose, and it has been allowed to pass away, to a large extent beyond recall. Some of our folk-airs have been appropriated by the Scotch, some by the Irish. At Vauxhall a brisk manufacture went on of Scotch songs that were regularly accepted north of the Tweed, but English airs of home-growth among the people were contemptuously disregarded. Only now and then did such men as Paul Bedford, or Hudson, or Sam Cowell take them up, and then, as often as not, it was to vulgarise them by setting to them words of low buffoonery.

Sir F. A. Gore-Ouseley, in his chapters on English Music in E. Naumann's "History," says in regard to the national popular airs and dance music of England: "Here we may fairly challenge comparison with the folk-songs of all other European nations. Yet there have not been wanting writers who have unscrupulously assigned to most of the best English tunes a Scotch, Welsh, or Irish origin. Each has its own characteristic beauties; those of England are by no means inferior to the rest." As a fact, just as negro serenade songs have been manufactured by English composers—(for instance, Blewitt set the song,

"I cam from Ole Kentucky a long time ago, Where I first learnt to wheel about and jump Jim Crow,"

to the old English tune of "The Wiltshire Wedding"),-and palmed off as negro melodies, and many of the popular

nigger tunes hail from England—so have we composed vast quantities of imitation Scotch and Irish tunes, and those early English airs that were popular passed wherever the English tongue was spoken, and north of the Tweed were associated with Scotch words, and return to us in this form. As Chappell says of Hogg's "Jacobite Relics," one half of the airs are of demonstrably English origin.

In Germany, if out of their collections of Volks-licder we sift the compositions of Kreutzer, Reichardt, Weber, Arndt, Methfessel, Nägeli, there is very little of genuine folk-production left. Out of 56 hunting songs in "Hundert und fünfzig Jäger, Soldaten und Volkslicder," Leipzig, n.d., 25 are by known authors; out of 59 Volkslieder, 19 are by known authors or are ecclesiastical melodies; and 23 can alone be claimed as genuine productions of the people.

According to a French authority on the popular music of the peasantry on Gallic soil, nearly all their folk-airs are reminiscences of the dramatic melodies of Lulli and his time, hardly one a genuine spontaneous creation of the people.

In England we had the musicians of our cathedrals and theatres dispersed at the great Rebellion, and they settled down in country-houses, and I have little doubt but that to them we owe the great amount of musical culture there was *among the people* throughout last century. The orchestras in every parish church, however small, show that there were musicians everywhere, and where there are musicians, there there is sure to be musical creation; these old church singers and fiddlers composed tunes and set them circulating in their own neighbourhoods, and there they have remained, traditional to the present day.

Mr. Wedmore, in an article in "The Friends' Quarterly Examiner" on English Music (July 1896), says: "There is a peculiar fascination about these folk-songs, preserved for so long, passed down from father to son, thus and thus alone kept alive; and there is a debt of gratitude due to the aged custodians of these valuable relics of the past. The men who have sung them are nearly all gone. I heard of one who 'was a terrible zinger; he could zing a terrible lot; he was a musicianer'; but he was dead. Of another, an old crippled farm labourer, who was 'no scholard,' told me: 'You can't beat th' old uns. The postman's father used to sing; he 'ud ketch 'em from his father; he e'ud sing fifty songs.'

"I came across one, however, last summer, on the hills in Somerset, where there are many sweet nooks full of natural treasure. Coleridge lived amongst them, so did Wordsworth, both giving us gems of song written under the inspiration and solace of their spell. I was resting in a delightful little village—shopless and without a licence. Everybody there was cared for, and there I learned to love the people. It was beyond the railway and beyond the telegraph. It lay near an old coach-road, traversed now by a conveyance from which it was a relief to alight. Abutting on the churchyard stood its fine Manor Hall (1581), with its banqueting-room overlooked by a minstrels' gallery. The village folk shared with those of other villages the advantages of a school. The parson knew the cottagers; he would visit the sick, and watch the games of the lusty. He came over the hills to prosecute his ministrations. He went over the hills to fetch home his bride, after having declared his own banns in the midst of his parishioners. Amongst them was a man at once sexton, bellringer, carpenter, and postmaster, whose wife was the oldest inhabitant. A courtly manner well became her. 'A Fine Old English Gentleman' was the song she sang me, having kept it over sixty years.

"On another occasion, a picture of peasant-life presented itself in a picturesque village in a Devonshire hollow. On our arrival, we alighted unexpectedly in the midst of a summer *fête*. There was a pause between the games and the dance. The people were grouped in merry talk or silent sympathy. The musicians strike up a lively refrain: a change comes over the scene. Amongst most of the folk there is a movement; the younger ones take another spell of enjoyment, rhythmic as the tune; whilst some of their elders gather their wraps around them, for the twilight comes on apace, and there is a feeling of chilliness in the vicinity of rank grass, leafy canopy, and rushing streams. In the words of the old song—

> 'The streams of Nantsian in two parts divide, Where the young men in dancing meet sweetheart and bride; The streams bright and shining, though parted in twain, Re-unite intertwining, one thenceforth remain.'

"The following morning a moorside walk brought us to another interesting little village. Here the clerk of the parish took us to the cottage of a hale old man who could sing, and who then and there gave us out of the stores of his memory (for he could neither read nor write) song after song—veritable folk-songs. His cottage was typical of old times. The house-door opened directly into the living room; the stairs were close at hand; you could sit in the VII.

chimney-corner, and up the wide chimney see the sky; whilst the kettle hung above the wood fire on the ground. A settle kept the draught from the entrance; the walls were lined with pictures, china, odds and ends of slight money value, but of strong family interest. The old people were still able to do for themselves. Their wants were few; their vision of the world may use it is be to be for the strong family interest.

vision of the world was not wide, but in spirit they followed the fortunes of children gone out into it. Such are some of the people and their surroundings, who have preserved the store of folk-songs. We have the privilege of listening to the melodies and associated ballads, tunes, and stories that stirred the people generations ago, in their modes, intervals, and rhythm so different to the declamatory, luscious, or nondescript song of the present day—a day of compromises, competition, and so-called social obligations, modern influences which act prejudicially on the character of music, and tend towards outpourings of uninspired effort."

What first made me collect the songs of the people in Devon and Cornwall was this. One evening I was dining with a dear friend, Mr. Radford of Mount Tavy, near Tavistock—that was in 1887. The conversation turned on some old hunting songs, especially on one called "The Hunting of Arscott of Tetcott," and it was lamented that though the words had been preserved the tune was lost. Then my host turned to me and said, "Why do not you set to work to collect our old songs?" I considered, and answered, "I suspect we shall hardly find as many as could be counted on one hand. There is 'Arscott of Tetcott.' There is 'Widecombe Fair.' Who knows another?" As I drove home I considered. I remembered how that as a boy I had heard plenty of old songs sung by labourers, and I had had a nurse who sang for ever. So I began to inquire whether any old singing men remained in my own neighbourhood; and I wrote to the West of England papers asking for old songs, but got nothing



JOHN HELMORE, THE MILLER.

beyond "Widecombe Fair" and "Arscott of Tetcott." Then a gentleman at South Brent wrote to me-quite a stranger-to say that there were a miller and a stonebreaker near him who were reputed to be song-men. Would I



ROBERT HARD, THE STONEBREAKER.

visit him and see what I could get? My host who had invited me, had invited neighbours to dinner to meet me; and after dinner the entire party adjourned to the roomy, warm, and pleasant kitchen, where we found the miller and the stonebreaker, and the wife of the former in an old white mob-cap. They were seated by the fire, with a table before them on which stood grog. A good supper and a roaring fire—the time was mid-winter—made the old people so happy that they were quite ready to warble.

The servants of the house sat along one side of the kitchen, the guests on the other. The old fellows sang some times in parts with great effect, the old woman striking in with a curious *faux bourdon*. When they ceased singing we applauded; then came a lull, during which the roar of the river Avon, that leaps and brawls through a cleft of rocks, and thunders over a cascade hard by, filled the kitchen, like the mutter of an angry sea.

This was, of course, not quite the way in which to do things; however, it was a beginning, and we stayed some days at South Brent, and had first the miller, then the old crippled stonebreaker, to the house, and got from them all we could. Two years later, in looking over my collection, it occurred to me that the old stonebreaker, Robert Hard, had not been squeezed dry; and I went to South Brent by an early train one November day, and the rector kindly gave me up a room and his piano and sent for the old man, who, lame in both legs, soon arrived hobbling on two sticks. I retained him from 9.30 A.M. to 6.30 P.M., with only the interval of midday meal; and I believe I got from him all he knew. I received on that occasion a dozen good airs

with the words. A few months later—two only, I believe—the poor old man was found dead in the road. In returning home at night he had stumbled, had fallen, and, being unable to raise himself, had died of cold.

A hedger I knew met with a serious accident. He was the son of a "singing-machine." His father was a pro-

fessional song-man, who once for a bet sang from sundown to sunrise without ever repeating a ballad. The son himself, an old man and a grandfather, is a rare singer. His memory is stored with grand old airs, some of the choicest I have collected. Many a winter evening have we sat together in my hall, by a blazing fire, he on the settle, singing to me his venerable ballads. Poor man, he met with a bad accident; but on his sick-bed he piped to me some songs he had recollected whilst lying ill, and which he had not hitherto surrendered.

When I had made a resolve to collect the folk-music of the West of England, my difficulty was how to get it noted down. The singing of our peasant song-men is very peculiar, with wonderful twirls, and they love a great range of uotes, often rising to falsetto. Now I myself can note a melody if I can bring my singer to a piano; but I cannot write—or, as he would say, prick down—the air without this assistance. I might, perhaps, induce an old minstrel to come to my house, but the majority of singers were not to be lured from their own houses any further than the tavern, and in neither was there a piano. Moreover, a singer was uncomfortable in a strange house, nervous and shy. It was essential to put him completely at his ease. So I was obliged to appeal to a skilled musician, and I at once wrote to my friend, the Rev. H. Fleetwood Sheppard, Rector of Thurnscoe, in Yorkshire, to come to my aid. Yorkshire is a long way off, and at first he somewhat doubted whether the material to be dealt with would be worth the pains of coming so far south. However, during the winter of 1888-9 I was able to send him some that I had taken down from the old hedger who lived in my neighbourhood, named James Parsons, and Mr. Sheppard at once saw that here was a vein of pure gold, and in the summer he paid me a long visit, and we worked hard together on and around Dartmoor, and this was but the prelude to many other visits and many other excursions, extending beyond the county of Devon into Cornwall.

I was further happy in having the assistance of the Rev. F. W. Bussell, Fellow, now Vice-Principal, of Brazennose, at the time of Magdalen College, Oxford, a brilliant and accomplished musician, who at the time spent his vacations in a house belonging to me, and within a gunshot of my door. With the readiest good-humour he allowed mc to command his services, either to pump some singer whom I had netted and drawn into my study, or to go with me long excursions in quest of singers who were at a distance. Mr. Bussell was remarkable for the extreme accuracy with which he noted every twist and flourish of the singer. Nothing escaped him. What characterised Mr. Sheppard's work in the "Songs of the West" was the ability with which he would take a dozen versions of the same melody as noted down in as many places, often widely removed, and think them over till he had discovered what was the mother-form of the melody from which the various variants had risen, or the form which he was convinced was that most accurate, and to be distinguished from corruptions. And it must be noted that, after a while, we came to see that when a singer had been singing for some time he lost his power of individualising a melody, and that his later tunes were coloured and debased by admixture of strains already used in the airs he had previously sung. When we were thus in doubt about a melody sung, perhaps after a score of others, we laid it aside, waited a few days, and then asked the man to *begin* with that song, whereupon we were able to correct the errors on the previous occasion.

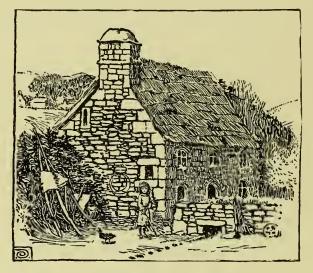
To Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Bussell a debt of gratitude is due, for having saved from extinction some splendid melodies, as fresh as buttercups, and as genuine as can well be conceived.

In the heart of Dartmoor, eleven hundred feet above the sea, is a hamlet called Post-Bridge. It lies in the bottom of a basin among the moors, which surround it on all sides, rising to something like a thousand feet above it. Owing to its being in comparative shelter, a few stunted beech trees live there. A few moor farms are scattered about it, and near it was a promising rather than rendering tin mine. The spot is very wild, desolate, and picturesque. The hills around are strewn with pre-historic relics. About a mile from the road across bogs without road, not even a track, stands Ring Hill, a granite cottage, near a plantation of stunted trees, that grow in the midst of an old fortified village of those mysterious people who once lived in vast numbers on Dartmoor.

In this little cottage was a blind man, aged eighty-eight, named Jonas Coaker, who was called the Poet of the Moor. I found him very feeble, lying in bed the greater part of the day, but able to come down and sit by his peat fire for a couple of hours. He was too weak to sing, but he could recite ballads, and the captain of the tin mine came in and sang to us the melodies.

A stone-cutter I know has a rare memory. His father deserted him and his mother when he was six years old. Many years after as this lad, grown to a man, was passing a cottage, he saw a man standing in the doorway with his hand on the jamb, leaning in and speaking to the inmate of the cottage. Something in the creases or configuration of the hand struck him as familiar, and he exclaimed, "That is my father's hand!" The person alluded to turned and hastily walked away. My friend, Sam Fone, inquired about this strange man, and heard that he was lodging at a farm in the parish. He went there next morning to ask about him, and to learn who and what he was, but heard that the stranger had precipitately left. "Did you note anything peculiar about him?" he inquired. "Nothing," answered the farmer's wife, "but that he pours melted fat into his boots before putting them on." "Then he *is* my father," said Sam Fone. Now, when a little urchin, Sam was wont to carry milk every day for an aged widow, and as she was too poor to pay him with coin, she rewarded him with an old ballad that she taught him; these he has never forgotten, and lo! now after nearly seventy years, he gets repaid in shillings for every can of milk he carried and every ballad he then acquired. At one time Fone worked with an old mason who was a great singer. This man fell from a ladder and broke his neck, but Fone has all his store of songs by heart. I believe this man knows well nigh a hundred and fifty or two hundred songs, ballads, words, and melodies. The other day, a concert of old west country songs was given at Tavistock by professionals in costume. Fone was present, at the back of the hall, and would sing out every song with which he was familiar, along with the performer, somewhat to the disconcertion of the artist, but to the amusement of the audience.

One evening Mr. Bussell and I went to South Zeal, under the roots of Cosdon, one of the highest points of Dartmoor. I had been there twice before to break ground and rub away any little hesitation and shyness that might exist



JONAS COAKER'S COTTAGE.

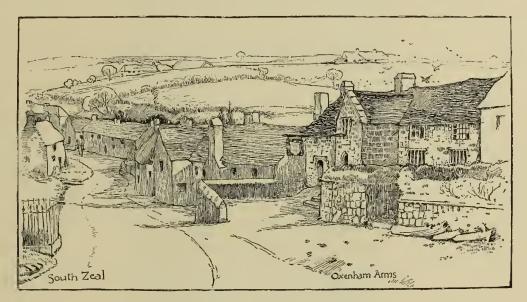
among the old singers there, and I had invited them to the inn, the "Oxenham Arms," that evening to sing to me. The "Oxenham Arms" is an Elizabethan house, once the mansion of the Burgoynes', with mullioned windows and carved oak panneling.

The tidings spread that there was to be a concert of song, and the inn kitchen was crowded that evening. Not only did nearly all the men of Zeal come, but the passage to the kitchen was crammed with their wives and daughters, and boys were outside, standing on each other's shoulders, listening with their ears at the window-panes. In that crowd we could not collect much; naturally the old song-men sought to please the audience, and for that purpose did not sing their quaintest songs. However, the ice was broken, and later we went there again, and had the old fellows in separately to supper and a glass of grog, and thus enjoyed a good many hours of song.

One day Mr. Sheppard and I were on Dartmoor; we had a driver, and he sang to us a quaint ballad. The horse was stopped whilst words and air were noted down. Then we reached a tumble-down hovel, in which lived an old woman, who could neither read nor write, and we had to take down her songs. She was rather shy, and was, moreover, busy; so we had to follow her about to the pigstye, to the hearth, to the water, and get her airs and words as best we could. I had been there before with Mr. Bussell, and then he sat on the boiler noting down her melodies, till the daughter put fire below, and made him jump off. After we had got all from this old woman that we thought she was inclined to yield, we left, and returned homewards; but, halfway, I turned to Mr. Sheppard and said, "We have not exhausted her store. You *must* go back, and don't let her go till she drives you away with the pitchfork," and like a zealous and conscientious collector, back he went. From this old grandmother we had—" Lord Thomas and the Fair Eleanor;" "Deep in Love" (S. of W., lxxxvi.; "The Loyal Lovers" (S. of W., xcii.); "The False Lovers" (S. of W., xcvii.); "The Lady and the Apprentice," and others.

There was, I heard, an old man in the cold clay district north of Broadbury Down, in the parish of Halwell, in North Devon, who was reputed to be a singer. It was for me a drive of nearly seventeen miles; however, I went after him, driving over a moor strewn with tumuli, found him in a field weeding turnips, and at once began on the topic of old songs. I soon learned from him the names of several that he sung, and got from him a promise to come and stay with me for a few days, so soon as Mr. Sheppard arrived. Accordingly, old Luxton—that was his name—came, and he gave us a number of delightful songs, some of exquisite delicacy.

Mr. Sheppard and I put up for a week at Holne, near Ashburton, song collecting. We got together a number of singers, and gave them a supper. Then they sang each a song in turn; most of these were rubbish, many modern, published songs, and just as one old fellow began a strain in the Dorian mode, in came the village constable to order all out, because the public-house must be closed. However, we had pretty well discovered which were the singers who had the real good stuff in them, and these we invited to warble to us on the following evenings; and from them we collected some excellent airs. I went with my coadjutor to Chagford, and there gathered together some old labourers and a lame barber, and a very pleasant evening we had. Among these men was an old soldier, but he sang nothing but published music. Now here is the list of songs taken down that evening :—



THE "OXENHAM ARMS,' SOUTH ZEAL.

I. "The Yellow Golden Tree." This is "The Golden Vanity," a ballad relative to Sir Walter Raleigh. We have published it in "Songs of the West," lxiv.

2. "In Biberly Town." A curious ballad not over-choice in words, but the tune bold and fine; S. of W., cx.

3. "The Bonny Bunch of Roses," S. of W., xxvii.

4. "Midsummer Carol," S. of W., lxxxix. We have given this also in "English Minstrelsie," vol. iii. A fine early melody, and a delightful song.

5. "The Roving Journeyman," S. of W., viii.

6. "High Germany," "The Garland," ii.

7. "The Nobleman and the Thrasher," the words in Bell's "Songs of the Peasantry."

8. "Three Jolly Butchers." A well-known and very curious ballad; the tune most rugged and early in character.

9. "The Trees they are so High," S. of W., iv.

10. "As I walked out one May Morning," S. of W., lxxiii., to new words. The old words not choice.

II. "The Barley Straw," S. of W., xcviii.

I do not say we got all these for the first time, but some were new to us, all valuable as variants.

Next day we went to see two old labourers at a place called Culley Hole, in a coomb under the moors. One old fellow was childish, the other, his brother-in-law, was nearly blind. They had a pot over the glowing turves, in which their potatoes and a little bacon were boiling, and were pleased, as we were hungry, to give us a bite out of their dinner. From them we got—I. "Twas of a Farmer's Daughter;" 2. "The Ragged Beggar Man," to a wonderful old tune ("Garland," xxiv.); 3. "Don't you see my Billy Coming?" this Miss Broadwood has published, as picked up also in

Sussex; 4. "The Maid and the Box;" 5. "A Fair Maid sat a Weeping" (S. of W., xxxix.); 6. "The Squire of Tamworth, or, The Golden Glove," the words in Bell's "Songs of the Peasantry;" 7. "A Nutting we will Go" (S. of W., lxxxiii.).

From Culley Hole we made an attempt to get across the moor into the high road from Moreton to Tavistock, and lost our way, got into bogs, and were overtaken by a furious hail storm. We did not reach our inn in the middle of the moor till night, and wet and chilled to the marrow. Then off we started for Widecombe in the Moor. The season was late autumn, the month October, the sun shone out, and in the lovely valley of Widecombe one seemed to be in coral land. The mountain-ash was heavy with searlet berries, and the hedges were a mass of carbuncles from rose hips. We had heard of a farmer's wife at a place called Scobbetor, who could sing old ballads, so to her we went, and dropped in on her without premonition. She was greatly taken aback, and for some time would not open her lips. However at last she was persuaded to sing, and this is what we gleaned from her—1. "Cold Blows the Wind to-night, Sweetheart," a fine old ballad to a very early air (S. of W., vi.); 2. "The Loyal Lover" (S. of W., xeii.); 3. "Tobaceo is an Indian Weed" (S. of W., xev.); 4. "Cupid's Garden," Chappell, p. 727.

When I was in Surrey working up material for my novel, "The Broom Squire," I learned that every autumn a cheap-jack went round the country offering prizes in a competition singing match among the villagers, as already mentioned at the beginning of this essay. I have just had the following interesting letter from Miss L. E. Broadwood relative to this very district. It will show what may still be done in this direction if only enterprising persons will take the trouble to collect. But then, this must be done at once; in a very few years every chance will be gone past recall:—

#### " September 13, 1896.

"I have been fortunate lately in stumbling upon a rich mine of old songsters, ten old men, who can't read, in Surrey, not far from Whitley and Godalming. Cheered by a supper, they sat round, with eyes tightly closed, and sang excellent and really old songs. One striking thing was that they sang the tune to the 'Bailiff's Daughter of Islington,' which my uncle John Broadwood collected early in this century in Sussex, and which I have never found any one to know anywhere else. They sang it almost note for note as he noted it. Another strange thing is, they sang the brutal ballad of 'Young Lamkin' all through. How odd that it should survive in this way!

"The following are some of the songs which they sang, and in one evening only :--

"Young (or Bold) Lamkin.	Pretty Maids, your Misfortunes I'll share.	
'Tis of a Brisk, a Lively Lad.	Abroad as I was walking (most ancient modal tune).	
Cold Blows the Wind (2 airs).	Pretty Sailor.	
Sheffield Apprentice.	Tarry Sailor.	
A Ship she lies in Harbour.	Trees they are so High.	
Blackberry Fold.	Banks of Sweet Dundee.	
The pleasant Month of May is just coming in.	Lovely Nancy.	
Bold Brennan on the Moor.	My Father he had ten Acres of Land. Joy O !	
Bailiff's Daughter of Islington.	Mistress Health.	
Seeds of Love.	The Maid and the Box, &c., &c."	

We made a journey through Cornwall song-collecting. After some rough experience in very country inns we reached Fowey. "Come," said my companion, "let us now taste the sweets of civilisation, and go to the Fowey Hotel." "Very well," said I with a sigh. "But no songs there." "No, but we shall have the electric light." The hotel was all that could be desired for comfort, but, as I knew, our stay there was doomed to be sterile. As we were about to leave I said to my companion, "I want to make a sketch of the Lugger Inn—I will walk on." So I did walk on, and began my sketch of one of the most exquisite bits of old Fowey. Whilst sketching it, the landlord, whose name was Varcoe, saw me, and ran out to invite me in to see the date carved on a beam in the house. I entered, and in the kitchen saw an old white-headed man over his pot of beer. At once, forgetting all else, I sat down beside him, and began talking of old songs. "Do y' know the song of the Keenly Lode?" he asked. "It's a miner's song."

I did not. Just then up came the bus to take us to the station. I had but time to tell the innkeeper what I wanted, and to get him to promise to look up old singers for me. Next year I went there with Mr. Bussell, and we spent several days in "The Lugger," and very snug we were. Now there were men that were notable singers known to Varcoe, but they were shy and afraid to appear before "a couple of gem'men." He had tried to get them to come,

and they had promised, but failed to keep their promise. Again, next day he went for them, and then they flatly refused to come. What was to be done? "There is but one chance," said Mr. Varcoe. "They are working for the G. W. R., on the line up the Fowey, go to the station-master and enlist his help; he can command them."

So we went to the station-master, and, when I told my name, "I will do everything in my power to help you," he said; and I learned, to my surprise, that he was brother-in-law to a schoolmaster I had had in the National School some years before, who had been ill, and I had been kind to him.

"Now then," said the station-master, "I will have the men into the breakfast and dinner shed, but I can't make them sing." "Leave that to me," said I.

The fellows arrived, literally shaking in their shoes. Nevertheless, in ten minutes we were eapital friends, and they were warbling their old ditties like larks.

At Charlestown, near St. Austell, is a very old but hearty man, who was once a noted smuggler. He was in



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prison for smuggling the year that William IV. was erowned. He is now harbour master. We went after him, got him to come and have an early dinner with us, and then he yarned away over old smuggling experiences, and sang us a number of very eurious old songs.

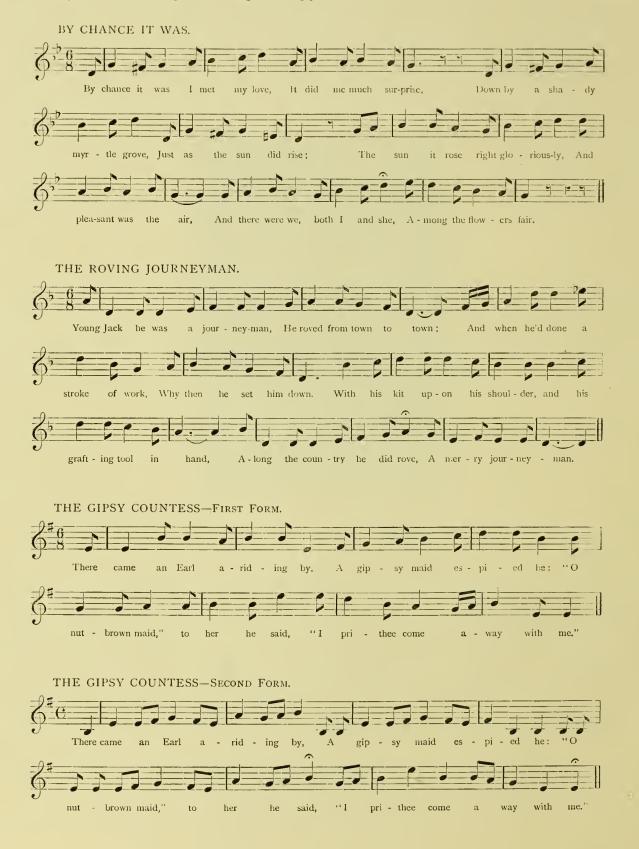
But some men are too shy to be drawn. My friend, Mr. Frank Kidson, who eollects Yorkshire folk-airs, was telling me the other day of one such on the moors in the West Riding; he has in his mind a store of old ballads, but no money, no offers of a glass of ale, will get him to give them up.

I remember one old fellow who sang to us, but who—although he allowed his tune to be taken down—stubbornly refused to allow me to note the words. However, I paid him another visit, overeame his prejudice, and got the whole song.

Tunes and words must be taken down when the opportunity offers, these opportunities must be seized without the least delay. I remember, in 1867, being in the train between Leeds and Thirsk, and hearing a workman sing "The Spanish Lady." I took down some ballads from mill-girls at Horbury in 1864. The other day, in 1896, I was back in Horbury, and I went to see old friends I had not seen for thirty years and more. One of these my first singers came running to see me when "'t mill loosed" at noon. "Eh, lass!" said I, "dost' remember singing to me the 'Jovial Heekler's Boy'?" She laughed, and her eyes danced as she said, "Aye--but if thou'lt stay a bit I sing thee a seore more."

There was an old white-haired Cornish tanner I knew—alas! he is dead now. His father was a very strict Wesleyan, and when this tanner was a boy he used to get out of bed and the cottage, and steal away among the miners and listen to them singing their songs, and *because* his father allowed nothing to be sung except hymns, as a matter of course the lad retained every pot-house song he heard, and had forgotten all Wesley's hymns. Thus his retentive memory held the ballads and songs he had learned when he was a boy in 1829.

A good many old airs and songs are to be got from gipsies.



Mr. Bell, in his "Songs of the Peasantry," gives the ballad of the Birth of Edward V1. and the Death of Queen Jane as taken down from a gipsy girl. The late Dr. W. A. Barrett one day sang me this ballad to an air that was of very beautiful and skilful construction, taken down by him in Somersetshire, and, if my memory is correct, from a gipsy. I have had that ballad, but to a different air, from an old mason on the fringe of Dartmoor.

Dorothy Osborne has been already quoted, in my Introductory Essay (vol. i.), as speaking of the ballads sung by the shepherd-girls in her day. Isaak Walton bears like testimony, so does Pepys. Unhappily, collectors have spent money and pains on gathering the printed broadsides, and have supposed that these constituted the ballad poetry of the people. This was a mistake. They ought to have gone to the peasantry, and from them they would have reaped as rich a store of good early ballads as have been collected in Scotland. Most of our English ballads were re-written in the Stuart period in very villainous taste, and were then printed. But the people continued to sing the older ballads, and never took kindly to those which were re-shaped, because the metre was unsuited to the airs with which they were familiar. Now it is too late. All that we can recover are fragments, but the melodies are not wholly lost, and a fragment of an early ballad is precious when united to an ancient air.

The freaks of tradition are extraordinary. I recovered the tune of a hunting ballad that appears among the Roxburgh black-letter ballads of the second half of the seventeenth century, concerning a fox-chase by the Duke of Buckingham, which I suppose had never been printed. I have found songs by Henry Carey, who certainly was not a very original melodist, still sung by the peasantry, but greatly altered in form. Some modern songs have been completely transformed, whereas others of three centuries remain unaltered. The same melody, by alteration of time, is made to suit the most different ballads, and change their character completely. Let the air of "By chance it was I met my Love" be compared with "The Roving Journeymen," and it will be seen how that the same melody forms an exquisitely dainty strain in one case, in the other is bluff and rude. Or again, take the air of the "Gipsy Countess," and compare it with the second version—it is the same air, to my mind, though Mr. Sheppard disagrees with me, yet how differently executed; and both are the same as "O good ale, thou art my darling," given in this volume. As a matter of fact, the peasant-singer knows no time; he sings as suits the sense of his words and according to the character of his ballad. This makes it a difficult matter to note down his melodies correctly; and indeed it is not possible to do them justice apart from the words.

There is an air given in "English Minstrelsie," vol. i., "A Damsel possessed of great Beauty." I put fresh words to it, as the original were sad rubbish. But the air has a history. We took it down not only to this song, but also to "When Adam was first a-created," or "Both Sexes give ear to my Fancy" (S. of W., c.). This is the same air that was used by Markordt for "In Hurry post-haste for a Licence," in "Tom Thumb," by Henry Fielding, 1780. It appears also to "Farewell, ye Green Fields and Sweet Groves," in "Vocal Music," 1772; but the first appearance of this air is in J. Sebastian Bach's "Bauern Cantate." In this, after a lady has sung a song in approved theatrical style, a peasant scoffs at it, says it is not music, and strikes up this identical air. Whether it was an old German melody used by Bach, or whether it was one common to England and Germany, one cannot be quite sure.\*

Whether Markordt borrowed the air from Bach, direct, one does not know. Either through the song in "Tom Thumb," or through that in "Vocal Music," it must have soaked down to the peasantry of England, and now it is wedded to both the stupid song of "A Damsel possessed of great Beauty," and also to the very capital song of "Both Sexes give ear to my Fancy."

If from the song of the Ploughman and Dairymaid we pass to that of the Sailor, we are not a little surprised to find that Jack Tar by no means sings nautical ballads exclusively, or indeed generally. He loves a sentimental song above all others, and very commonly his songs do not savour of the sea. No man wrote more sailor songs than did Charles Dibdin, who had been at sea only for a short passage from London to Portsmouth; yet his songs smack of salt water and smell of tar. Nevertheless they have not taken hold of the sailor, and I doubt if any of his have remained except "Nothing like Grog," and "Tom Bowling."

Captain Marryat knew the sailor intimately, and the songs he puts into the mouth of Old Tom the lighterman, who had lost his legs at Trafalgar, are almost all of the sentimental order, "Alone by the Light of the Moon," "For the Murmur of thy Lip, Love," Sanderson's "Did you ne'er hear a Tale of a Maid in the Vale," "Come o'er the Sea, Maiden, to me," "Love's Young Dream," and the like.

There is no topic so dear to the rustic muse as that of the love-sick damsel who dresses herself up as a sailor or a soldier, and follows her lover in man's attire to sea, or to the wars.

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Kidson writes me that he has seen the air practically note for note in a Scottish MS. collection dating between 1735 and 1740, belonging to a friend. "Its popularity among English country folk shows that there is some probability of its having a British origin."

In Gay's "The what d'ye call it," the heroine, Kitty Carrol, when she finds that her sweetheart is pressed, exclaims-

"I can bear sultry days and frosty weather; Yes, yes, my Thomas, we will go together. Beyond the seas together we will go, In camps together, as at harvest glow. This arm shall be a bolster for thy head, I'll fetch clean straw to make my soldier's bed; There, while thou sleeps, my apron o'er thee hold, Or with it patch thy tent against the cold. Pigs in hard rains I've watched, and shall I do That for the pigs I would not do for you?"

On this theme a hundred ballads have been founded, and they never fail to awaken enthusiasm. As Mr. Sheppard says of one of these, "High Germany," given in "The Garland," "The aim of the song is clear, and delightful in its utter impracticability: the sentiments, expressions, and imagery are genuine and appropriate, and the girl in male attire



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stands, as she ever does, on one of the three high peaks of rural romance. To this day the song is received by village audiences with rapturous applause, testifying at once its thorough accordance with their tastes, impressions, and sympathies." It must be admitted that a very large percentage of the ballads and songs have a breadth and frankness in them in dealing with certain topics, which render it impossible to give them verbatim. It is not that the songs are licentious, far from it; they are moral in their aim, but they enter into particulars with undesirable minuteness, and treat of matters to which we prefer to shut our eyes.

There is an old Cornishman with the face of a hawk, snow white hair and beard, and dark piercing eyes—a man who heals wounds by blessing them, and "strikes" tumours, from whom I have had many songs. One day he said to me, "Now what I say, say I about thickey modern songs is, there's neither sense nor gude in 'em. Some o' our old songs—it does any one gude to 'ear 'em. I mane, gude to their morals. Now, do y' know the ballad o' the 'Young Butcher and the Chambermaid'?" I had heard it, and it did not sin on the side of reticence. I did not press him to sing it. He said to me, "There now, that's a song as is improving, won'nerful. It teaches a lesson better nor does a pas'son's sermon." I have entered into what to some may seem unnecessary detail as to the method adopted, and the experiences undergone, in song collecting. It is very easy for a critic to sneer at such work, because he is himself wholly unacquainted with our English peasant class; but if this rapidly perishing music is to be saved, it must be done at once, and it must be done by some one with enthusiastic love for old music, and who is familiar with the twists and turns of the mind of the agricultural labourer. Much might be done by ladies; I have by no means worked among old women singers as I have among men. But women love old songs even more than do men. Miss Bidder, daughter of the eminent mathematician, wrote to me a few years ago, that there were female singers near Dartmouth, and she asked me to visit her and seek them out. I did so, and with her assistance obtained some perfectly delightful songs, and very fresh and quaint airs. I have included some of them in "The Garland."

It is to Miss Bidder that I owe an introduction to an old lame fiddler, homeless, who wanders over the south of Devon, with his fiddle, and works at mending saddles in the farms. I have employed him to collect folk-melodies for me.



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But a collector must be furnished with infinite patience, and put up with much disappointment. He will often have to go a long journey, spend a good deal of money, and expend much valuable time, and return with nothing. Three times did I go, once alone, once with Mr. Sheppard, and once with Mr. Bussell, to Menhenniot, in Cornwall, to tap its music of the past. We entertained a dozen singers, but got nothing worth our pains, only songs we had had before, and of these some very corrupt versions. But then *the* man there, whom we wanted, was stubborn, and would not allow himself to be drawn. We made an excursion to Grampound and Tregony, and came back, after a fruitless week, with empty purse and blank music book. So it must be; nevertheless, now and then something well worth the search rewards the searcher, and relieves his discouragement.

It is a most unfortunate thing that no one has thought of gathering together the folk-airs till quite recently, when they are trembling on the verge of oblivion. Davies Gilbert did, indeed, collect the "Christmas Carols" in Cornwall in 1822, and in his second edition included two ballads and a couple of other folk-airs. In 1798, Edward Jones issued his "Popular Cheshire Melodies," but it contained only one song, "The Cheshire Cheese;" the rest are rounds and marches. The first serious collector of folk-airs was the late Rev. J. Broadwood, of Lyne, in Sussex, who, in 1843, printed for distribution among his friends a small collection he had been some years in making. Some of these were also published in the Sussex Archaelogical Journal.

Nothing further was done in this direction till, in 1877, Miss Mason published "Nursery Rhymes and Country Songs." Mr. Stokoe and Dr. Collingwood Bruce issued "Northumbrian Minstrelsy" in 1882. Mr. H. Sumner published a few in a little illustrated book, "The Besom Maker," in 1888; and Miss L. E. Broadwood, another small collection of "Sussex Songs" in 1890. We had, in the meantime, begun our issue of the "Songs of the West" (Methuen & Co.), which appeared in four parts between 1889 and 1892, and in 1895 we issued "A Garland of Country Song," containing a supplement of songs not certainly belonging to Devon and Cornwall. Mr. Frank Kidson, of Leeds, had been for some time gathering in Yorkshire, and the results appeared in "Traditional Tunes," published in 1891. Then came Miss Broadwood's excellent work, "English County Songs," 1893. I doubt if there be any man in England better acquainted with old English songs than Mr. Kidson, and I gratefully tender him my thanks for much advice and help generously rendered me. In 1891, Messrs. Novello gave to the world an issue of fifty-four folk-airs to broadside ballads, edited by the late Dr. W. A. Barrett. Most of his collection was made in Sussex, at Shoreham, from an old shepherd on the South Downs.

But Mr. William Chappell had taken in some folk-airs into his "Popular Music of the Olden Times," 1855–56, not many, but eighteen, and on this supply compilers have drawn unreservedly since, without trouble to go further afield. Mr. Chappell's recent editor has cut out all the traditional airs, and confined himself to such as are printed.

For sailors' songs there is a collection of "Forty Sailor Songs or Chanties," by Mr. Ferris Tozer, published by Boosey, n.d., but about 1888. Miss L. A. Smith's "Music of the Waters," 1888, adds little or nothing to what was not already accessible.

It will be seen that certain portions of England, Northumberland, Yorkshire, Sussex, Devon, and Cornwall, have been explored for traditional melodies, but nothing has been done for the other counties. Miss Broadwood, in a recent work, "English County Songs," divides the collection according to counties, but this is arbitrary, and we are still left to lament that opportunities have been let slip, never to be recovered, of collecting in other counties of England, where, however, it is perfectly certain that folk-music did exist. That of Somersetshire is of a peculiarly rugged nature, whereas that of Cornwall and Devon is soft, fluent, and eminently melodious, resembling Irish music more than any other.

At the conclusion of his "Ancient Rome in the Light of Recent Discoveries," Professor Lanciani writes mournfully of the manner in which the splendid relics of classic antiquity were neglected, despised, pillaged till the beginning of this century. Much in the same way has English music—especially that of the people—been treated. It has been ignored, disregarded, but here and there by an ingenious musician an air appropriated, and what he has taken dressed up and passed off as original, and spoiled in the process.

And now we are fain to sit and sigh over the ruins of our folk-music, and wish that men in England had been as patriotic as those of Scotland, Wales, and Ireland in preserving, when they had but to put out their hands and gather as much as they could hold; but the wild flower has not been appreciated in England as has been the cultivated, and what is home-bred is not valued beside what is exotic.

## NOTES TO SONGS

#### VOL. VII.

**Cofin's Gequest** (p. 1).—This pastoral gem is in the "Musical Miscellany" of Watts, vol. v., 1731. The words are by Arthur Bradley, and the music by George Munro, an English organist, then the harpsichord player at the theatre in Goodman's Fields, from 1729 till his death in 1732. Several of his compositions are in Watts' "Musical Miscellany." "Colin's Request" appears twice in Walsh's "British Musical Miscellany," 1730–4. In vol. iv. he gives Munro's melody, but calls it a Scotch air; in vol. v. he gives the words to another melody. The song is in "The Hive," 1732, vol. iv.; in "Calliope," 1738, vol. i.; "Apollo's Cabinet," Liverpool, 1757, vol. ii., &c. Munro had a happy talent for melodious composition, and several other songs by him were published.

**Bichard of Zaunton Dean** (p. 4).—The ballad of Taunton Dean, or the Country Courtship, is in "The Merry Musician, or A Cure for the Spleen," 1716, i. p. 306. The tune is in "The Dancing-Master," and in Walsh's "New Country Dancing-Master."

As Mr. Chappell points out, the first part of the tune resembles the old air for "There was an old fellow at Waltham Cross." The tune was used in "The Jovial Crew," to these words, as "an old song." Oldrents says:—"Sir, I will be merry, I've resolved to force my spirit only unto mirth. Should I hear now my daughters were mislead or run away, I would not send a sigh to fetch 'em back." To which Hearty replies: "To this old song for that." Then he strikes up—

> "There was an old fellow at Waltham Cross, Who merrily sung, when he lived by the loss, He cheer'd up his heart when his goods went to rack, With a Hem ! Boys, Hem ! and a cup of old sack."

To which Oldrents responds, "Is that the way on't? Well it shall be mine then."

The tune is found in two forms; Mr. Chappell gave one in his "National English Airs," to some milk-and-water words by John Oxenford; and in the other form in his "Old English Ditties."

The song is still very popular in every part of Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall. It has extended into Ireland, and been there adapted as an Irish song, "Dicky of Ballyman." There are many versions of the song. That here given was taken down by Mr. Sandys from the singing of an old blind fiddler, "who used to accompany it on his instrument in an original and humorous manner, a representative of the old minstrels." In Halliwell's "Nursery Rhymes of England," there is a version of this song, called "Richard of Dalton Dale." There is another variant sung in Yorkshire. It is in Barrett's "English Folk Songs," and Miss Broadwood's "English County Songs." **Deep no More** (p. 7).—A charming song by Hatton, of whom more will be said under the heading of "To Anthea," in vol. viii.

This song appeared in 1852; the words were taken from an old song book.

**Sparabella's Complaint** (p. 10).—This beautiful melody is employed for "Sparabella," and also for Tickell's "Lucy and Colin." It is given to the latter in the first volume of the "Musical Miscellany," 1729, and to "Sparabella" in the third volume, 1730.

Songs of Shepherds (p. 12).—The earliest copy of this tune is in Playford's "Musick's Recreation on the Lyra Viol," 1652; it next occurs in "Musick's Recreation on the Viol, Lyraway," 1661. In both publications the tune is entitled "Room for Cuckolds."

Pennant (Tour in Wales, 1810), speaking of Richard Middleton, father of Sir Hugh, says, "Thomas, the fourth son, became Lord Mayor of London, and was the founder of the family of Chirk Castle. It is recorded that having married a young wife in his old age, the famous song of 'Room for Cuckolds, here comes my Lord Mayor,' was invented on the occasion." Thomas Middleton was Lord Mayor in 1614.

As "Room for gentlemen, here comes the Lord Mayor," it is given in "Pills to Purge Melancholy," 1719, vi. 136. Another song set to it was "Room for Company," also in "Pills," iv. 26.

The same song is printed under the title of "The Green Gown," which is also given to it in "Pills," and in the "Antidote to Melancholy."

Then the air attached itself to a hare-hunting song, and was much employed for comic songs about 1820.

Come here. Sello B: ser Bant (p. 14).—This is the one song in "High Life below Stairs." This amusing piece, by the Rev. James Townley, was first acted at Drury Lane in 1759; it has been thought that Hoadly, Archbishop of Canterbury, had a finger in the composition. On its performance in Edinburgh it received wrathful opposition from the flunkies, who raised repeated riots in the theatre wherever it was produced, and even went so far as to menace the lives of the actors. But these disorders in a measure led to the formation of an association entered into by noblemen and gentlemen to put an end to the burden, that had become intolerable, of giving "vails" to servants. The song was set by Jonathan Battishill, grandson of the Rev. Jonathan Battishill, rector of Sheepwash in Devon, and a member of a very ancient family in that county, whose ancestral mansion has been described by me in my novel of "John Herring." Battishill was born in 1738. He married an actress, Miss Dacres, the original performer of Madge in "Love in a Village." In 1764, in conjunction with Michael Arne,

he composed the music for the opera of "Almena." In the same year he composed the music for the pantomime of "The Rites of Hecate." In 1775 he lost his wife, and fell into such depression that he ceased from writing music. He died in 1801, at the age of sixty-three. The popular song of "Kate of Aberdeen" was composed by him, and sung by Vernon at Vauxhall in 1767-68. The song we give has appeared in various collections, amongst others in the *London Magazine*, for 1760.

The Spanish Lady (p. 16).—This fine old ballad is quoted in Afra Behn's comedy, "The Rover, or The Banished Cavaliers," in 1677, and in Richard Brome's "Northern Lasse," in 1632. Still earlier it is quoted in "Cupid's Whirligig," 1616, and was parodied in Rowley's "A Match at Midnight," 1633. In the Douce Collections of Black-letter Ballads, are two copies, one "to a pleasant new tunc;" the other to the tune of "Flying Fame," to which, however, it would not be possible to sing the ballad. The words are found in the "Garland of Goodwill," and are taken into Percy's "Reliques," second series. The air is in several ballad operas as "The Quakers' Opera," 1728; "The Jovial Crew," 1731. It is given sometimes in common, sometimes in three-quarter time.

In 1867 I heard a labourer sing this song in a third class carriage between Leeds and Thirsk.

The complete ballad may be found in Percy's "Reliques." We have given here only a few of the stanzas.

Be fordfy. Wiffy (p. 18).—This is an old North Country English mother's song to her boy. It was engraved and published on half-sheet about 1780.

Colonel W—— once said to Harriet Mellon, Duchess of S. Alban's, who had been singing some simple old English ballad, "Why, my dear Duchess, I heard my grandmother sing this oldfashioned ditty." "Very likely," replied she, "and you ought to like it all the better on that very account. It must awake a thousand associations, such as cannot be roused by any of your fine Italian operas, with their tiresome recitatives and ranting bravuras. Give me a dear old English ballad—that goes to the heart."

The song has been attributed to one "Mr. Mitchell," but this cannot be Joseph Mitchell, for it does not occur in either of his plays, "Fatal Extravagance," 1720, nor in "The Highland Fair," 1731; nor is it included in the two volumes of his collected songs and poems, 1720. Moreover it is entirely out of character with his compositions. He wrote of languishing Corydon and Chloes, Dresden china shepherds and shepherdess. The air has the character of a Northumbrian folk-melody, of the early part of last century; and apparently all Mitchell had to do with it was the arrangement for the harpsichord.

**The Beaßing of the Lead** (p. 20).—From "Hartford Bridge," by W. Pearce, 1792; the music by William Shield, who has been rather largely represented in this collection, but without exhausting his capital songs, eminently characteristic of the transition period of music in England.

This song of Shield's must have "caught on" in the Navy, for Captain Marryat, in "The King's Own," 1830, represents it as sung by a whole ship's crew—

> "For England, when, with favouring gale, Our gallant ship up Channel steer'd, And scudding under easy sail, The high blue western land appear'd; To heave the lead the seaman sprung, And to the watchful pilot sung, By the deep *nine*."

"This song, roared out in grand chorus by the midshipmen, was caught up, after the first verse, by the marines in their berth, close to them: and from them passed along the lower deck, as it continued, so that the last stanzas were sung by nearly two hundred voices, sending forth a volume of sound that penetrated into every recess of the vessel, and entered into the responsive bosoms of all on board, not excepting the captain himself, who smiled, as he bent over the beak of the gangway, at what he would have considered a breach of subordination in the ship's company, had not he felt that it arose from that warm attachment to their country which had created our naval pre-eminence.

"The song ended with tumultuous cheering fore and aft, and not until then did the captain send down to request that the noise might be discontinued."

An additional verse was added some years after the song had become popular—

"Now to her berth the ship draws near, We shorten sail, she feels the tide; Stand clear the cable! is the cry, The anchor's gone, we safely ride; We hear the seaman with delight Proclaim, All's well."

This verse was also quoted by Marryat in "Jacob Faithful."

**Janthe the LoBerg** (p. 22).—We have already given a song by John Barrett, and some account of the composer. He set the song "Ianthe the Lovely" in or about 1715, and it is found in "Pills to Purge Melancholy," 1719, vol. v. p. 300; and it found its way into the "Beggars' Opera," for Lucy's song, "When he holds up his hand, arraign'd for his life." Barrett's tune remained in the field till Dr. Arne took the same words, and wrote a fresh air to it, which is given in the *London Magazine* for January 1755, and it is also in "Clio and Euterpe," 1758, vol. i.; "The Vocal Echantress," 1782; "Vocal Music," 1770, vol. i.

Jop. Jop for EBer (p. 24).—From Tom Moore's "Peri at the Gates of Paradise," written between 1813 and 1816. It was set to music by Dr. John Clarke, afterwards known as Clarke-Whitfield, a native of Gloucester, where he was born in 1770; he received his musical education under Dr. Philip Hayes at Oxford. In 1789 he was organist of Ludlow parish church, and in 1795 was appointed to be organist and master of the choristers in Armagh Cathedral, and then of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. In 1798, the breaking out of the Irish rebellion caused him to resign his appointments and come to England, and he became organist at Trinity and St. John's Colleges, Cambridge. He took his degree as Doctor of Music in 1799. In 1821 he was elected Professor of Music in the University of Cambridge. At this time there were two others of the name of Clarke, professors at Cambridge; the Professor of Anatomy was called Bone Clarke, he of Geology was Stone Clarke, he of music was Tone Clarke, and there was also a Town Clark. He died in 1836, and is buried at Hereford. He is best known by his anthems and Cathedral services.

**The Mandering Beauty** (p. 28).—The song was written by John Hughes, and the music by Dr. Pepusch, who arranged the "Beggars' Opera" for Gay. John Christopher Pepusch was born at Berlin in or about 1667. He came to England in 1700, and was retained as a performer at Drury Lane. In 1713 he received the degree of Doctor of Music at Oxford, and in 1722 married Margarita de l'Epine. He lost his wife in 1740, and devoted himself to the study of ancient music to console himself for his bereavement. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society, and died in 1752. Although a German by birth he spent fifty-two years in England, and his name is imperishably associated with English ballad-opera music.

He wrote a good many airs, and set them to songs by Hughes and others. One, "Beauty and Music," also by Hughes, is in the "Musical Miscellany," 1731, vol. vi. All Pepusch's music has distinct and sound character, and some of his compositions deserve a better fate than has attended them. This song is in vol. v. of the "Musical Miscellany" of Watts.

**Ceff me. foBefg Shepherd** (p. 31).—From the oratorio of "Solomon." Edward Moore, the author of the words, was the son of a Dissenting preacher, and was born at Abingdon in 1711. And the whole concluded with this stanza-

"You will wonder, my girl, who this dear one can be, Whose merit can boast such a conquest as me; But you shan't know his name, though I told you before It begins with an M; but I dare not say MORE."

Edward Moore died in 1757. His song "Tell me, lovely Shepherd," was set by Dr. Boyce. We have already given "Softly rise, O Southern breeze," from the same oratorio.

**Braße** Men of Gent (p. 34).—This has become a favourite Kentish song. It was composed by Tom D'Urfey, and Richard Leveridge was the author of the air. But it is earlier



WILLIAM SHIELD.

He became a wholesale linen-draper, but having no liking for business, he quitted it and devoted himself to literature. In 1744 he published "Fables for the Female Sex," and in 1753 he produced the play of "The Gamester," that caused great excitement. It hit the prevailing folly of the day too severely not to elicit resentment. Moore married a lady of the name of Hamilton, the daughter of the table-decker to the Princesses, who had herself a turn for poetry and some humour. Before her marriage some stanzas addressed by her to a friend, the daughter of Stephen Duck, got into circulation. The poetic epistle beganthan "Pills to Purge Melancholy," as it is mentioned in "The Essex Champion," 1690. D'Urfey wrote a second song to the same air for his play of "Massinello"; and Leveridge, who was a bass singer, sang it on the stage. This latter song was in praise of fishing, and begins, "Of all the world's enjoyments," and has the following burden :—

"Then who a jolly fisherman, a fisherman will be, His throat must wet, just like his net, To keep out cold at sea."

The tune is in "The Quakers' Opera," 1728, and in "Pills to Purge Melancholy," 1719, ii. 5. It is there entitled "A new song inscribed to the brave men of Kent, made in honour of the nobility and gentry of that renowned and ancient county." In "Pills" is also the same tune as sung to the fisherman song in

<sup>&</sup>quot;Would you think it, my duck, for the fault I must own, Your Jenny at last is quite covetous grown; Though millions of fortune should lavishly pour,

I still would be wretched, if I had not MORE."

"Massinello," vol. i. p. 269. There is some slight difference in the tune, and this latter probably represents the air as it was finally given shape by Leveridge. "Brave Men of Kent" is in "The Convivial Songster," 1783, and Dr. Kitchiner included it in his "Loyal and Patriotic Songs of England," 1823. In the original there are six stanzas.

Hoß happy could J be Bith Either (p. 37).—A song of Macheath in the "Beggars' Opera." The air is that of "Give car to a frolicsome ditty;" or, "The Rant." It is found introduced into several of the ballad operas, as "Don Quixote in England," 1734; "The Sturdy Beggars," 1733; "The Wanton Jesuit," 1731; and "The Court Legacy," 1732. According to Mr. Dixon, the popular ballad of "Saddle to Rags" is sung to this air in the North of England. In the south-west it has an entirely different tune. The "Rant" was a dance, performed to this air. The "Beggars' Opera" was revived by Messrs. Gatti, at Covent Garden, in the season 1878-9. On this occasion, wrote Punch, "The house was literally crammed from floor to ceiling, by an audience, whose enthusiastic temperature increased in a graduated thermometrical scale, the over-boiling point being reached at the back row of the upper gallery; and this on a night when, in the stalls and boxes, wrappers, furs, mantles, and ulsters were de rigeur, on account of the rigour of the cold. . . . Let those who do not believe in a comic tenor see Sims Reeves as Captain Macheath, and they will then discover what magic there is ever in a refrain of 'tol-de-lol, lol-de-rol, loddy,' when given by a tenor who is not impressed by the absurd traditional notion, that he is nothing if not sentimental. His acting of the celebrated song, 'How happy could I be with either' is full of humour, and his change of manner from 'tol-de-rol' in a tender tone, when addressed to the gentle, confiding Polly, to 'tol-de-rol' with a true Cockney chick-a-leary twang, when addressed to the vulgar Lucy Lockitt, is a clever idea, most artistically carried out; and then his dance up the stage while singing, giving his last note good and true to the end in spite of this unaccustomed exertion, as with a jump he seats himself in a natural devil-may-care style upon the table, was followed by an encore, so momentous, that even he, the anti-enchorist, was fain to comply with the enthusiastic demand; so he repeated the two verses, the dance, and the jumps, with as much freshness and vigour, as though he had not already sung six songs-snatches more or less, it is true-and had got ten more to follow."

As "How happy could I be with either" has in the original a single verse only, I have added three.

**When forced from dear Hefe** (p. 40).—A song taken from the fifth stanza of Shenstone's "Absence," and from the third of his "Hope," and the third of his "Solicitude." The rest is by an unknown author, who has transformed Phillis into Hebe, and converted the shepherd's woe into rapture. The music by Dr. Arne.

**@p** me! **DBaf shaff J do?** (p. 42).—An old and good melody found in Playford's "English Dancing-Master," in the first edition of 1651, and in the eighth in 1690; when it drops out. It is entitled "Ay me; or, The Symphony." Mr. Kidson has reprinted it in his "Country Dances," 1890. The air was also published by Crampton in Pitman's "Musical Monthly," in 1883, with this fragment of ballad—

> "Ay me ! ay me ! Poor Cicely is undone ! Once she had lovers three, But now she has but one."

I have thought well to write new words to the charming air. It is curious that Chappell should have passed it over unnoticed. Brífons. Bhere is pour Magnanímíte? (p. 46).—This extraordinary patriotic song has a fine air to very grotesque words. It is given as a duet in the first volume of "Essex Harmony," 1786; it was issued also by Falkener among his penny sheets of music, in or about 1775, but the song is really earlier, and refers to the Spanish encroachments on the State of Georgia, in 1738, in which year it appeared in the "Musical Entertainer," vol. ii. p. 71. In the following year, 1739, the song was inserted in "Calliope," vol. i. p. 184, with a copperplate illustration representing Britain asleep, and being roused to action by a "sailor from the sea" with news of the insults offered by Spain. The circumstances were these :—

In 1738 the English were thrown into a paroxysm of indignation by a tale that circulated, which was characterised by Burke as "The Fable of Jenkins's Ears." Jenkins was master of a small trading sloop in Jamaica, which seven years previously had been overhauled by a Spanish guarda-costa. The captain, disappointed at finding nothing contraband in the vessel, tore off one of Jenkins's ears, and bade him carry it to King George, and inform his Britannic Majesty, that if he came that way he would serve him in the same manner. This ear Jenkins carried about him wrapped up in cotton wool. He now produced this dried ear at the bar of the House of Commons, and told his tale. On being asked by a member what he, a free-born Briton, felt when subjected to such treatment, Jenkins exclaimed-"I recommended my soul to God, and my cause to my country." Rarely in England has an oratorical point produced such an effect : it stirred the Parliament and country to fury, and Pulteney declared that England needed no allies,-that Jenkins's story alone would raise volunteers anywhere. It was asserted that Jenkins had both his ears on his head at the very time that he exhibited the dried lobe, but this is most improbable. Another story is more likely. Tindal says that Jenkins had lost an ear in the pillory. However, the story of mutilation by the Spaniards gained credence, resentment was felt at their encroachments in Georgia, and war broke out that led to the capture of Porto Bello, and the unsuccessful attack on Carthagena.

The song here given expresses in grotesque language the general feeling of resentment in the nation, but the air has been attributed to H. Carey.

Besides being in the books already mentioned, the song is found in "Apollo's Cabinet," Liverpool, 1757.

**H**oß sBeet in the Woodlands (p. 48).—Composed by Dr. Henry Harrington, born in 1727, at Kelston in Somersetshire. He established himself as a physician at Bath, and in 1797 published a volume of glees, catches, &c. He died in 1816, and was buried in Bath Abbey.

J do Confess (p. 51).—A song by Henry Lawes, born at Dinton in Wiltshire in 1595. He became "Epistler" of the Chapel Royal in 1626. Some account of his elder brother William has been given in vol. vi. under the heading of "Gather your Rosebuds." The song, "I do confess," was first inserted with Henry Lawes' music in "Select Ayres," 1659, under the title "A song to his Forsaken Mistress," and it is believed to be by Sir Robert Ayton, secretary to Anne of Denmark, wife of James I. He died in 1638. The words alone next appeared in James Watson's "Choice Collection of Comic and Serious Scots' Poems," editions of which were printed in 1706, 1711, &c. Robert Burns, who reworked so many old songs, laid hold of this also and wrote, "I do confess thou art sae fair," which he sent to "Johnson's Museum," vol. iv. (1797); but here it is adapted to an air named the Cuckoo, or the Cuckoo's Nest, and which is the same as the dance tune "Come ashore, jolly Tar," which Mr. Kidson has reprinted in his "Old English Dances," 1890, as "Come ashore, jolly Tar, your trousers on." To this in 1819 James Hogg wrote a song.

"The cuckoo's a bonny bird when he comes home, The cuckoo's a bonny bird when he comes home, He'll fly away the wild birds that hank about the throne, My bonny cuckoo when he comes home."

Hogg says of the tune :—"It must have been a great favourite in the last age, for about the time when I first began to know one tune from another, all the old people that could sing at all could sing 'The cuckoo is a bonny bird."" Probably the song was that common throughout England.

> "The cuckoo is a pretty bird, he sings as he flies, He bringeth good tidings, he telleth no lies,"

was given by the late Dr. Barrett in his "English Folk Songs," and by me in "A Garland of Country Songs." In England it is always sung to one air, but whereas Dr. Barrett gives it as a minor melody, I give it in major, as it is sung in the West of England.

However, this is irrelevant. This tune of the "Cuckoo" is quite distinct from that by Henry Lawes to "I do confess." To return to Lawes.

In 1645 Milton thus addressed-

"Harry, whose tuneful and well-measured song First taught our English music how to span Words with just note and accent.

With praise enough for envy to look wan; To after age thou shalt be writ the man That with smooth air couldst humour best our tongue."

These words were a few years later prefixed to a volume, entitled, "Choice Psalmes, put into Musick for Three Voices, composed by Henry and William Lawes, brothers and servants of His Majestie." The verses were by Herrick and others. Lawes was particularly fortunate in his association with the poets. He set to music compositions of Waller, Cartwright, Carew, Raleigh, son of Sir Walter; Thomas Carey, son of the Earl of Monmouth; the Earls of Winchelsea, Pembroke, and Bristol; also Sir Charles Lucas contributes to his different collections, "Ayres and Dialogues" in three books, 1653, 1655, 1658. On each title page is a portrait (vignette) of Henry Lawes.

Mr. Whymper writes in the "Early English Musical Magazine" of Jan. 1891:-"In 1633 he, in conjunction with his brother William, also a musician of ability, and Simon Ives, composed the music for Shirley's masque, 'The Triumph of Peace,' and the same year furnished the melodies for Carew's masque, 'Cœlum Britannicum.' In 1634 he composed the music for Milton's 'Comus,' written for the Earl of Bridgewater, and produced at Ludlow Castle on Michaelmas Night, he taking the part of the 'Attendant Spirit' on that occasion. It may interest many to know that the whole of these songs, in the original MS., are in the British Museum. Lawes taught music to Lady Alice Egerton, who was the 'Lady' of the masque on that memorable occasion. The noble Bridgewater family were particularly good to Lawes, and when 'Comus' was printed anonymously three years later, at the instigation of the musician, it was dedicated to the Earl's son and heir, young Viscount Brackley, who had acted the part of the 'Elder Brother' in the masque. 'My Lord,' says Lawes to the young nobleman, 'this poem, which received its first occasion of birth from yourself and others of your noble family, and much honour from your own person in the performance, now returns again to make a final dedication of itself to you. Although not openly acknowledged by its author, yet it is a legitimate offspring, so lovely and so much desired, that the often copying of it hath tired my pen to give my several friends satisfaction, and brought me to a necessity of producing it to the public view.' It was almost Milton's first public venture in print, he being then eight-and-twenty years of age. It speedily brought him renown and appreciation, and we can, therefore, understand the gratitude expressed in that handsome tribute to Lawes, already quoted. The mutual admiration of such men is certainly in itself something admirable."

Lawes continued in the service of Charles I. till the breaking out of the Rebellion. During the Commonwealth he earned a livelihood by teaching ladies to sing. On the Restoration he recovered his place in the Chapel Royal, and composed the coronation anthem for King Charles II. He died in 1662, and is buried in Westminster Abbey. Dr. Burney describes his productions as "languid and insipid, and equally devoid of learning and genius." Dr. Burney was not the man to be capable of appreciating a composer, whom now, happily, we are beginning again to value.

The Dame of Honour (p. 54).—This delightful old song is probably by Tom D'Urfey, and was sung in his opera "The Kingdom of the Birds," or "Wonders in the Sun," 1706. It was dedicated by D'Urfey to the celebrated Society of the Kit Cat Club, and several of the songs in it were composed by members of the club, so that it is not possible to say for certain that "The Maid of Honour" is by Tom himself, though it is so much in his best style that we are fain to think it so. The opera was performed at the Queen's Theatre, in the Haymarket, for six nights, but did not pay half the expenses of its production. D'Urfey afterwards reproduced the song in "Pills to Purge Melancholy," and "The Dame of Honour" is in the first vol. of the edition of 1719. It is a capital air, and has been employed in a good many ballad operas, as "Polly," 1729; "Fashionable Lady," 1730; "The Lottery," 1731; "The Devil to Pay," 1731; "The Jovial Crew," 1732; and is in the "Dancing-Master" of 1728. It is a puzzle to me how Chappell passed over so good and popular an air, in his "Popular Music of the Olden Time," without notice.

In the original there were seven stanzas—the fourth I have slightly modified.

In 1750, in the *London Magazine*, appeared a song on a great Herring Fishery, to this air.

**the Shepherd's Minter Song** (p. 56).—By J. L. Hatton. We have already given "Weep no More" by him, in this volume. He was born in 1809, and was son and grandson of professional violinists. His first operatic composition was in 1843. He published eighteen songs, under the pseudonym of Czapeh, in 1845-1846.

More will be said concerning him under the head of "To Anthea." He died in 1886.

**6** Good Ste. flou art mp Darting (p. 60).—This old tune has gone through great changes, and has been adapted with alterations on one side to a cock-fighting song, and on the other has become that still popular song "O Rare Turpin Hero," which is sung by our peasantry. Mr. Chappell points out that "O Good Ale" resembles in the outset the air "John, come kiss me now." It is also used for the popular ballad of "The Gipsy Countess." The song is to be found on half-sheet music in the British Museum D (G. 312). There is an additional verse which I have not thought necessary to print with the music. It runs—

"But if my wife should thee despise, By Jove, I'll bang out both her eyes; But if she loves me as I love thee, A happy couple we shall be."

(Moffp Lepeff (p. 62).-This song was sung up and down through England in 1720. Mary Lepell was daughter of Brigadier-General Nicholas Lepell, Lord of Sark, where his daughter was born. She was appointed, at the age of fourteen, to be Maid of Honour to Caroline, Princess of Wales, and was not only very lovely, but had the most exquisite grace of manner. Lady Louisa Stuart says, speaking of her: "By the attractions she retained in age, she must have been singularly captivating when young, gay and handsome; and never was there so perfect a model of the finely polished, high-bred, genuine woman of fashion. Her manners had a foreign tinge, which some called affected, but they were gentle, easy, dignified, and altogether extremely pleasing." Lord Chesterfield describes her-" She has been bred all her life at courts, of which she has acquired all the easy good breeding and politeness without the frivolousness. She has all the reading that a woman should have, and more than any woman need have, for she understands Latin perfectly well, though she wisely conceals it. No woman ever had more than she has le ton de la parfaitement bonne compagnie, les manières engageantes, et je ne sçais quoi qui plait." The Prince of Wales, afterwards George II., fell in love with her, but she knew how to keep him at a distance; and she married privately Lord Hervey, afterwards Vice-Chamberlain to Queen Caroline, with the full approval of her husband's father, the Earl of Bristol.

When the marriage became known, Lord Chesterfield and Mr. Pulteney composed the ballad on Molly Lepell, which we give in a form somewhat toned down, from the first edition. The two authors sent it to her, with the signature of a Grub Street poet appended. Concerning these verses Arbuthnot says in writing to Swift, "I gave your service to Lady Hervey. She is in a little sort of a miff about a ballad that was writ on her to the tune of 'Molly Mogg,' and sent her in the name of a begging poet. She was *bit*, and wrote a letter to the begging poet, and desired him to change the *doubles entendres*; which the authors, Mr. Pulteney and Lord Chesterfield, changed into *single entendres*. She is not displeased, I believe, with the ballad, but only with being bit."

She became in 1757 one of Horace Walpole's correspondents; and twenty of his letters to her have been published, also a collection of her epistles to a Mr. Morris, with a memoir by Croker, in 1821.

The Duchess of Marlborough says that when Molly Lepell came into life, her father gave her a cornetcy in his regiment, with a salary which was regularly paid to her even when Maid of Honour. Then, however, it was deemed advisable that she should resign her cornetcy, and in its place she received a pension.

Soon after this—"Her courage and wit came to her aid, and suggested a scheme which she quickly carried out. Every night she attended the royal drawing-room, she made a point of publicly attacking the King's Most Excellent Majesty; levelling the sharpest darts of her satire at his sacred but vulnerable person, insomuch that it was the diversion of all the town. The boldness of her strokes began to gain publicity; courtiers tittered, and repeated her sallies. Loyalty was not strong enough to withstand amusement at her humour, until the Duchess of Kendal and the Ministry became alarmed, and determined to purchase her silence, 'lest the king should be put in the opposers' hands.' They therefore gave her a bribe of  $\pounds 4000$ , which had the desired effect. The belle became loyal to the reigning dynasty, bought a house, furnished it, and proclaimed her marriage " (Molloy: "Court Life below Stairs," i. 128). Molly Lepell became mother of three sons, who each became Earl of Bristol. She died in 1768.

One air of "Molly Mogg"—and indeed that song was long a favourite—was by Dr. Greene. But there is another "Molly Mogg" tune of very inferior quality—in fact, wholly without merit, by Sheeles; and the ballad of "Molly Lepell" was published with the latter tune. But there was a third air to "Molly Mogg," more popular than either Greene's or Sheeles', that was turned into a country dance, and this is the air we have given here. The ballad begins—

> "The Muses quit, jaded with rhymes, To Molly Mogg bid their farewell," &c.

This I have omitted, as well as some other stanzas. A portrait of Molly Lepell (from a miniature formerly at Strawberry Hill) is given in the new edition of Horace Walpole's Letters. In her old age, after Lord Hervey's death, Lord Carlisle calls her "The most impertinent old brimstone."

**When Sanny.** Blooming Sair (p. 64).—An engraved half-sheet song, of about 1730. The air is in "The Intriguing Chambermaid," 1734. I have had to somewhat alter the words.

**Under file Green Bood Tree** (p. 66).—The ballad and the tune (1634) are found among Ashmole's MSS. at Oxford. There are two versions of the air in "The Dancing-Master" of 1686—the first in common time, and the second in 6-4 time. The first is entitled, "Under the Greenwood Tree," and the second, "Oh! how they frisk it; or, The Leather Apron." The song is in "Pills to Purge Melancholy," and the tune was taken into many ballad operas, as "The Village Opera," 1729; "The Devil to Pay," 1731; "The Jovial Crew," 1731; "The Mad Captain," 1733; "The Devil of a Duke," 1733. Several old ballads were sung to the same tune, as "The Fair Maid of Islington" in the Bagford Ballads. In the Black-letter copies of the original ballad, the song is called "The West Country Delight; or, Hey for Sommersetshire!"

The three dges of £08e (p. 68).—A pleasant song by Loder, the words by H. F. Chorley. It was published in 1840 or thereabouts.

**The Jop:**inspiring **Born** (p. 72).—English minstrelsy is specially rich in hunting and in drinking songs; and not to overburden this collection, we have been constrained to limit the examples of both these classes to a few. This song is a good sample—it enjoyed long-sustained popularity. The earliest copy is in a folio sheet of 1760–1770, where it is headed "A Favourite Hunting Song, sung by Mr. Dearl at the Grotto Gardens; set by Richard Bride." It is found in "The Masque," 1761; in "The Vocal Enchantress," 1783; "Vocal Music," 1775; the "London Musical Miscellany," 1786; "The Vocal Magazine," 1798; "The Goldfinch," 1803, and many other song books.

**Maidens. BeBare De!** (p. 74).—An old English song in the "Musical Miscellany," 1731, vol. vi.; the "Merry Companion," 1750, a "Flute Tutor," *circa* 1735, &c. It is attributed on a half sheet, engraved, in the British Museum, to Leveridge.

Jf Bas a LoBer and Bis Lass (p. 76).—A song introduced by Shakespeare into "As You Like It." The melody is perhaps by Thomas Morley, and is first found in "Ayres and Little Short Songs to sing and play to the Lute, with the Base Viole, newly published by Thomas Morley, Bacheler of Musicke and one of the gentlemen of Her Majestie's Royal Chappell," printed in 1600. The first edition of "As You Like It" was printed in 1623. Although the air is given in Morley's book, it is quite possible that it was an earlier traditional song arranged by him. This is what he was fond of doing—"interweaving favourite passages of the times into his works. . . His melodies are rather more flowing and polished than those of the old authors, on whose property his memory had fastened." Morley's first publication was "Canzonets, or Little Short Songs, for three voices," 1593. He is mainly known at the present day by his delicious madrigals. Morley is believed to have died in 1604.

(p. 78).—This song, beginning "In the merry month of May," is in D'Urfey's "Pills to Purge Melancholy," 1719, vol. iii. p. 81. The words are by Nicholas Breton, a poet of the sixteenth century. He was perhaps the son of Captain John Breton of Tamworth, and died in 1624. The song is from "England's Helicon." In the same work is his other exquisite song—

> "On a hill there grows a flower, Fair befall the dainty sweet," &c.

The air is by Dr. John Wilson, a native of Feversham in Kent, said to have been the best lute player of his time. He was gentleman of the Chapel Royal, and was created Doctor of Music in 1644, at Oxford. During the early part of the Commonwealth he resided in the family of Sir William Walter, of Sarsden, in Oxfordshire. In 1656 he obtained the musical professorship, and resided in Balliol College. He died in 1673, and was buried in the cloister of Westminster Abbey. Among other works that he published were—"Cheerful Airs and Ballads," Oxford 1660. "Aires for a voice alone to a Theorbo or Bass-Viol," printed in a collection entitled "Select Airs and Dialogues," 1653. Some of his MS. music is now in the Bodleian Library. Herrick, in an epigram addressed to Henry Lawes, mentions him as a great singer; and Lawes himself thus speaks of him :—

> "Thou taught'st our language, first, to speak in tone; Gav'st the right accents and proportion; And above all (to show thy excellence), Thou understand'st good words, and do'st set sense."

Burney, however, had a different opinion of him. He says that Wilson "seems to have set words to music more clumsily than any composer of equal rank in the profession." His portrait is in the music school at Oxford. Dr. Rimbault published a pamphlet in which he endeavoured to prove that Dr. Wilson was the "Jack Wilson" mentioned by Shakespeare.

**(poffy OfiSer** (p. 80).—A still popular song among the English peasantry. Two versions have been given by Mr. Kidson in his "Traditional Tunes," both of Yorkshire or North Country taking down. I have had several variants sung to me in Devon and Cornwall. Mr. Chappell gives a version without saying where he obtained it, and he set to the air the song "Fair Hebe I left," which had already got a tune of its own set to it. The original ballad is probably of the time of Charles II. A song on the Pretenderappears to be a parody of Polly Oliver. The song will be found in "The Musical Companion," in the British Museum (ii. 621, c.)

As a sample of the original, I give some verses as taken down from an old bedridden woman :

> "One night as Polly Oliver lay musing in bed This wonderful fancy came into her head, She'd go through the country disguiséd to rove, And so would she seek for her own dearest love.

So early next morning the fair maid arose, She dressed herself up in a suit of man's clothes, Coat, waistcoat, and breeches, and sword by her side, On her father's black gelding, fair Polly would ride.

She rode and she came unto fair London town, And there did dismount at the sign of the Crown. She sat herself down with brown ale at the board, And the first that came in was an outlandish lord.

The next that came in was fair Polly's true love, She looked in his face and resolved him to prove. Oh he was a captain, a captain so fine, He sat at the table and calléd for wine.

<sup>4</sup>A letter ! a letter ! that's come from a friend, Or else 'tis a letter your true love did send. And under the seal will a guinea be found For you and your soldiers to drink all around.'

'Now, what are your tidings, my little foot-page? For you are a lad of the tenderest age. With locks that are curling, and smooth is your chin, A voice as a flute warbles softly and thin.'

' I am not a foot-page, a gelding I ride, And I am a squire, with a sword by my side. The letter was given me riding this way, But who 'twas that gave it I never can say.'

The maid being drowsy, she hung down her head, She called for a candle to light her to bed. 'My house it is full,' then the landlady swore, 'My beds are engaged, let him lie on the floor.'"

And so on for three or four not very delicate verses, nor with any poetic merit. The ballad concludes-

"So now she is married, and lives at her ease, She goes where she wills, and she comes when she please. She has left her old parents behind her to mourn, And give hundreds of thousands for their daughter's return."

A modern form of the ballad still printed by Mr. Such of Boro', as a broadside, consisting of only eight verses. The verses given in the text have been written by Rev. H. F. Sheppard.

Mhere, dear Maid (p. 83).—A song from "The Vocal Enchantress," 1782.

Came gou nof from McBcasffe? (p. 86).—The air is found in "The Dancing-Master," from 1650 to 1690. In "The Grub Street Opera," 1731, it is introduced under the title of "Why should I not love my love?" from the burden of the song. The song is found in Bishop Percy's folio MS., from which he manufactured the ballads in his "Reliques," but which has now been

<sup>&</sup>quot;As Perkin one morning lay musing in bed,

The thought of three kingdoms ran much in his head,"

published without any adulterations. The song is quoted in a little black-letter volume, "The famous Historie of Fryer Bacon," written at the close of the sixteenth century, printed for Elizabeth Alde by Francis Grove, about 1630. There was a play on the same topic printed in 1594. The "Historie of Fryer Bacon" has been reprinted in Thon's "Early English Prose Romances," 1858, vol. i. p. 189. According to J. P. Collier the black-letter "Historie of Fryer Bacon" was printed soon after 1580. In this curious old story occurs the following passage :—"The second time, Fryer Bungy and he went to sleep, and Miles alone to watch the Brazen Head. Miles, to keep him from sleeping, got a tabor and pipe, and being merry disposed, sung this song to a Northern tune of "*Cam'st thou not from Newcastle ?*"—

"To couple is a custome all things thereto agree ; Why should not I then love? since love to all is free. But I'll have one that's pretty, her cheekes of scarlet dye, For to breed my delight when that I ligge her by. Though virtue be a dowry, yet I'll choose money store ; If my love prove untrue, with that I can get more. The faire is oft unconstant, the blacke is often proud ; I'll choose a lovely browne ; come, fidler, scrape thy crowd. Come, fidler, scrape thy crowd, for Peggie the browne is she Must be my bride ; God guide that Peggie and I agree."

The song in the Percy folio runs thus-

"Came you not from Newcastle? Cam*e yee not there away?	[* <i>n</i> in MS.
Met yee not my true loue	
ryding on a bony bay?	
Why shold not I loue my loue?	
Why shold not my loue loue me?	
Why shold not I loue my loue,	
gallant hound sedelee?	[sic.
And I haue Land att Newcastle	
will buy both hose & shoone,	
And I haue Land att Durham	
will feitch my hart to boone.	
And why shold not I loue my loue?	
Why shold not my loue loue me?	
Why shold not I loue my loue,	
gallant hound sedelee?" ffins.	

For the convenience of modern singers I have made two alterations in the text. For "Gallant hound sedelee" I have substituted the closing lines of a ballad about which presently, that has practically the same refrain. Also for "Will feitch my hart to boone," I have written "And houses in the Toun," very poor, I admit, but intelligible to a modern audience.

The burden is-

"Why should I not love my love, Why should not my love love me?" &c.

In the "mad song" of "One Morning very Early," attributed to George Syron, a man of colour, in Bedlam, in the middle of last century, a song that obtained enormous popularity, the mad girl is supposed to sing a ballad of which the burden is, "For I love my love because I know my love loves me." This is in "Vocal Music," *circ.* 1778, p. 214. There is another beginning to the same song or ballad, "As through Moorfield I walked one evening in the Spring." It so appeared in the *Lover's Magazine*, London, 1740. The air set to it was by Signor Thomaso Giordani, but the tune commonly used was Gramachree Molly, employed for "Had I a heart for falsehood framed." The same idea of a burden is found in a folk song taken down by me and Mr. Bussell, and given in "Songs of the West." The song there is—

"I'll weave my love a garland, It shall be dressed so fine; I'll set it round with roses, With lilies, pinks, and thyme."

The burden to this is "I love my love, and I love my love, Because my love loves me." The tune we recovered to this song is a very early one, but not the same as "Came you not from Newcastle?" though hardly later in date. The words of the ballad we obtained are those used up by George Syron for his "mad song." The burden in both seems to be derived from a still earlier song that no longer exists.

aff on a Miste Morning (p. 88).-An old lady told me that seventy years ago this song was sung to her by her grandmother in Devonshire. Her father and nother were Quakers, the latter rather for peace than from conviction. No singing was suffered in the house, least of all of profane songs. However, the grandmother used, when the father was out, to sing some songs to the child, and of course that child, knowing them to be contraband, prized them highly, and has never forgotten them. The old lady who gave me the song and air had not the least notion of the antiquity of both. The song is in D'Urfey's "Pills to Purge Melancholy," and is called "The Wiltshire Wedding." The tune employed by him was "The Friar and the Nun," two lines of which are quoted in Chettle's "Kind-hart's Dream," 1592. The tune is in "The Dancing-Master," from 1650 to 1728; in "Musick's Delight on the Cithern," 1666. Henry Carey wrote a song to this tune in his "The Honest Yorkshireman," 1735, and the air is worked into "The Beggars' Opera," "The Jovial Crew," and many others. The song "Jump Jim Crow," written by Rice, and sung by him in character, was set by J. Blewitt to a tune he manufactured out of this very old melody.

Mackay, in his "Popular Delusions," says: "Several songs sprang up in due succession, but none of them, with the exception of one, entitled, 'All round my Hat,' enjoyed any extraordinary share of favour, until an American actor introduced a vile song called 'Jim Crow.' The singer sang his verses in appropriate costume, with grotesque gesticulations, and a sudden whirl of his body at the close of each verse. It took the taste of the town immediately, and for months the ears of orderly people were stunned by the senseless chorus—

> Turn about and wheel about, And do just so—
> Turn about and wheel about, And jump, Jim Crow 1'"

to Dribe the Cold Winter a Bap (p. 90).—This old song, in praise of Christmas, is found in the Roxburghe and Pepys Collections of Black-letter Ballads. The tune is in every edition of "The Dancing-Master," in "Musick's Delight on the Cithern," 1666, and in D'Urfey's "Pills to Purge Melancholy." Numerous political songs were written to the tune, amongst these one against the Rump Parliament. The tune was given a new spell of life by Dr. Arne, who somewhat altered it, gave it a chorus, and set to it the words—

> "Hey for my lass and a bottle to cheer, And a thumping bantling every year,"

which was sung in "The Guardians' Outwitted," which was performed at Covent Garden in 1764, but only ran for six nights. Though the opera died, yet this song lived, and found its way into various song books.

Dr. Arnold wrote a tune for this song of which the burden was "To kiss the cold winter away," for "The Castle of Andalusia," in 1782; but there is very little originality or merit in his air.

**Srom Chee to Mte she turns her Epes** (p. 93).—A charming air, which occurs in the "Fashionable Lady," 1730, and in "The Wedding," by Essex Hawkes, 1729, the music to which was arranged by Dr. Pepusch. In the former opera the words run "From thee to me she turns her eyes," in the latter, "From me to thee."

The first part of the tune appears to have suggested the opening strain of the better known song, "The Dusky Night rides down the Sky," composed by Henry Fielding, 1734.

As the original words of this song have been lost, and neither of those in the operas above-named are suitable, I have written words to the air.

J attempt from LoBe's Sichness to Stp (p. 96).-From "The Indian Queen," which was written partly by Sir Robert Howard, Dryden's brother-in-law, and partly by Dryden himself. "The plot," says Mr. Hogarth, "is extravagant enough; arising not only out of a war between Mexico and Peru, for which history affords no warrant, but a contest between the lawful sovereign of Mexico and an usurper. Montezuma, the Peruvian general, who, after having nearly completed the conquest of Mexico, demands, as a reward, the hand of the Inca's daughter, and, because he is refused, transfers his own prowess, and, consequently, victory, to the Mexican side, has a resemblance to the more celebrated and strongly drawn Almanzor.

"The play was acted in 1664, and received with great applause. In its original form there is very little music; and we are not informed by whom it was composed. There is an instrumental symphony introducing the prologue; a song, or chorus, sung by aërial spirits, in the incantation scene in the third act; and a short song, or chorus, in the scene of the sacrifice, which opens the fifth act. The passages in the incantation scene, which are set to music by Purcell, seem to have been at first merely spoken; and the additional lyrical poetry was probably introduced for the purpose of being set by Purcell after Dryden became aware of his unrivalled genius. In the scene of the Mexican sacrifice, the chorus of priests is a grand composition, the movement in F minor, 'All dismal sounds thus on these offerings wait,' is a more masterly piece of counterpoint, equally remarkable for the simplicity of its effect, and the deep gloom of its expression. In the incantation scene, where the magician Ismerion invokes the infernal powers to reveal to Zempoalla her future destiny, Ismerion's recitative and air, 'Ye twice ten hundred deities,' is a striking instance of the power of musical sounds to illustrate poetical conceptions. After the dismal objects by which the God of Dreams is conjured to arise from his sleeping mansions, and open his unwilling eyes, how exquisitely smooth and tranquil is the strain that follows :---

#### 'While bubbling streams their music keep, That used to lull thee in thy sleep.'

The appearance of the God of Dreams is heralded by a sweet symphony for oboes, and the air which he sings has a free and flowing oboe accompaniment. Indeed, the whole instrumental parts in the music of this play shows an astonishing command of the limited resources which the composer had at his disposal, and enable us to imagine the uses he would have made of a complete and various orchestra. This play, too, contains the ballad 'I attempt from Love's Sickness to fly in vain,' one of the most beautiful pieces of tender and expressive melody that ever flowed from the mind of a musician. Of this song, Dr. Burney says, that, though it has been many years dead, it would soon be recalled into existence and fashion by the voice of some favourite singer, who should think it worth animation."

Lady. The J Loke (p. 98).—The air is the old English "New Wells" in Walsh's "New Country Dancing Master," circ. 1730. The original words have been lost, but were probably descriptive of the delights of one of the New Wells near London. Of these there were several—New Wells at Richmond, 1698 to 1760; New Wells at Islington, 1712 to 1740; New Wells, Clerkenwell, 1739-40; and New Wells in Goodman's Fields. Mr. W. Chappell considered that the air was derived from that to "Come, Sweet Lass."

George Macfarren wrote words to this melody, "See the Lovely Rose," but these I have discarded because too essentially nineteenth century in sentiment and diction to suit the tune, and instead I have adapted one of D'Urfey's songs, altering the metre to the rhythm of the air.

The Memph that undoes Me (p. 100).—The writer of this song is not known, but it was set by Dr. Maurice Greene.



**Gs if Sell upon a Day** (p. 102).—Although this song has been attributed to Shakespeare, there is no good evidence to show that it is his. It was first printed among "Poems of Divers Humours," by Richard Bernefield, in 1598. The delightful music to which it is set is by Bishop.

**Boom. room for a Boßer** (p. 110).—A song to an air by Plaisable, the dance composer, originally a "new dance." It was published in London in half-sheet engraved music, and soon became so popular that it was carried to Scotland, and republished there. The song is given by D'Urfey in "Pills to Purge Melancholy," 1719, vol. ii. p. 204. The air was taken into the ballad-operas of "Silvia," 1731, and "The Jovial Crew," in which it is converted into a duet. It is difficult to fit D'Urfey's words to the air, and I have had to alter them slightly.

**A Country Life is Skeet** (p. 112). A good old song, with the air by Eccles, according to one engraved half-sheet. It is clearly intended as a companion to that delightful song of the Milking Pail, that begins—

> "You rural goddesses, That woods and fields possess, Assist me with your skill, that may direct my quill More jocundly to express The mirth and delight, both morning and night, On mountain or in dale, Of them who choose this trade to use, And, through cold dews, do never refuse To carry the milking pail."

This was by Martin Parker, the king of ballad writers, and it is not unlikely that this song (also entitled the "Useful Plough," and "Painful Plough"), is also by him. D'Urfey recast Parker's song for his "Pills to Purge Melancholy," 1719, but in no way improved it. Farquhar, in "The Recruiting Officer," 1707, makes Captain Plume sing a snatch of Parker's ballad. Captain Plume was always supposed to represent Farquhar himself. "The Useful Plough," or *Plow*, as it is spelt in the old ballad, was doubtless intended to be sung to the same air as the "Milking Pail." But it was supplied with another and a finer melody, perhaps by Eccles, who also wrote the air to the song in the same metre, "Ye Nymphs and Sylvan Goddesses." The metre was a very favourite one. There were many songs in it. Another that is passably good is "Of all the Maidens fair," which was sung to the air composed by Eccles for "Ye Nymphs and Sylvan Gods." The air we give is used in "Silvia, or the Country Burial," 1731. The song is in Walsh's "Musical Miscellany," 1733, vol. iv. It is also found on engraved half-sheets of about that date.

**Chere Bas an Ofd Boman fig\*d under a Biff** (p. 114). —A song in the first edition of "Pills to Purge Melancholy," 1669, and in that of 1719, v. p. 13. The air was introduced into "The Jovial Crew," 1730, "Beggars' Opera," 1728. I have taken the first two verses from D'Urfey, and the rest from the "Jovial Crew," and have added one to conclude it.

There are two songs in D'Urfey's "Pills to Purge Melancholy," that begin "There was an old woman;" one is-

"There was an old woman lived under a hill, Sing Trolly lolly, lolly, lolly lo; She had good beer and ale for to sell, Ho, ho! had she so? had she so, had she so?"

The other song is-

"There was an old woman that had but one son, And he had neither land nor fee; He took great pains, but got little gains, Yet fain a landlord he would be."

The first of these songs was taken by O'Keefe and rewritten for the opera of "Lord Mayor's Day," 1782. This was a pantomime in which the Lord Mayor's procession by water was exhibited. A pageant was added, representing the different city companies.

Dr. Arnold arranged the music, and he took the tune for "There was an old woman that had but one son," and set to it the rewritten song of "The old woman under the hill."

The nursery rhyme based on the song is given in Hook's "Christmas Box," 1800, vol. ii. p. 13. Hook was so mistaken as to compose fresh airs for English Nursery Rhymes, with the result that all these melodies are dead. As the air in D'Urfey's "Pills" is of only four lines, Mr. Hopkinson has somewhat expanded it to fit the eight lines.

Can pou noß leaße me? (p. 116). A dainty little song from "A Pocket Companion for Gentlemen and Ladies, by Mr. Richard Neale, organist of St. James's Garlickhithe. London, 1724." It is from some English opera, but so far I have been unable to discover its original source.

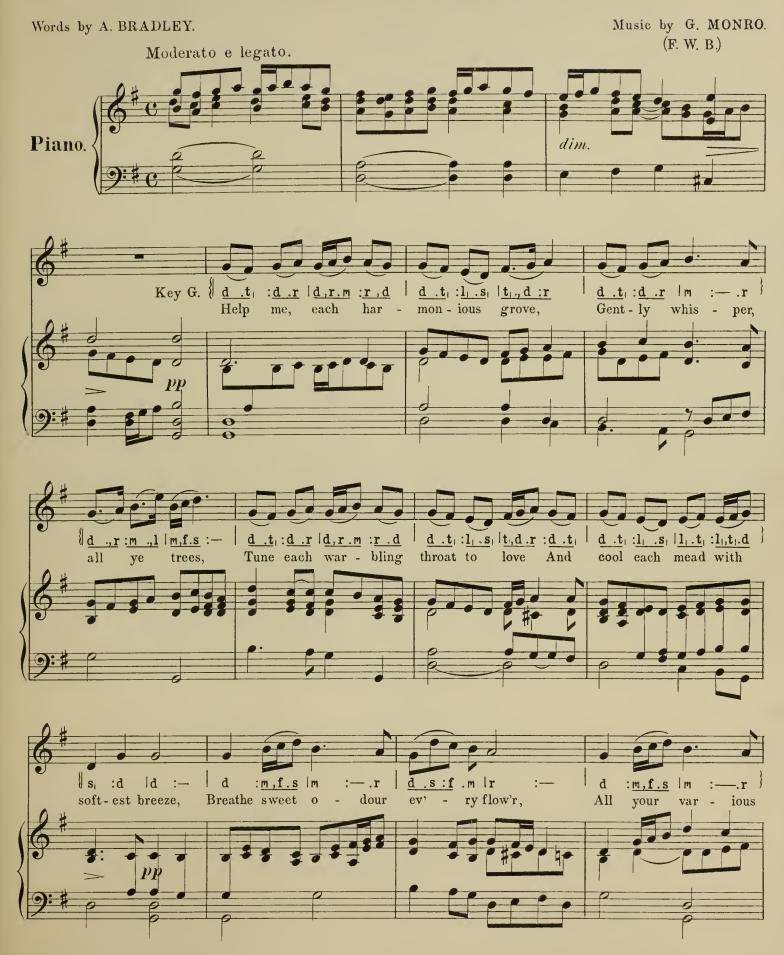
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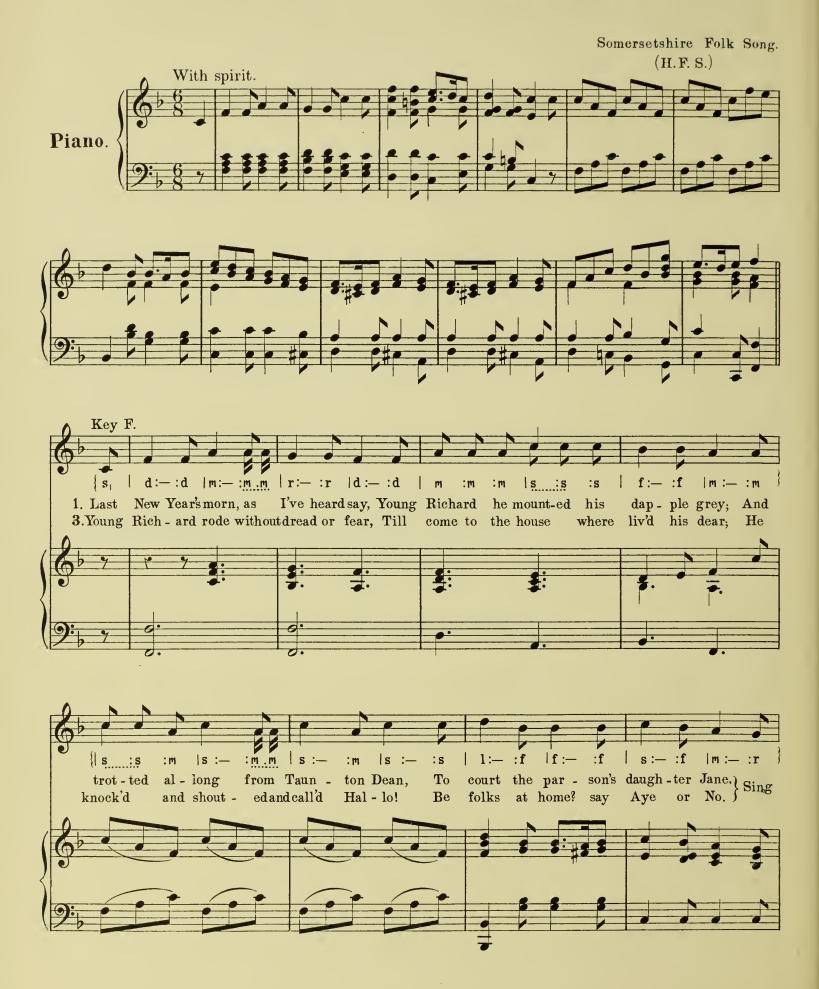






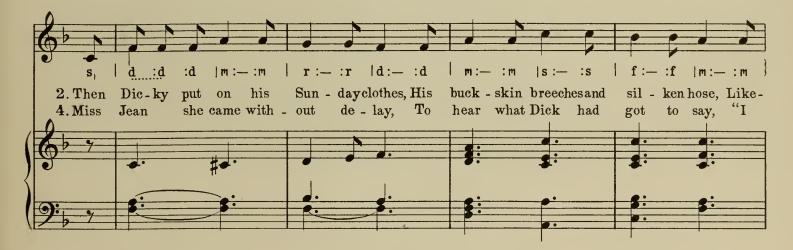


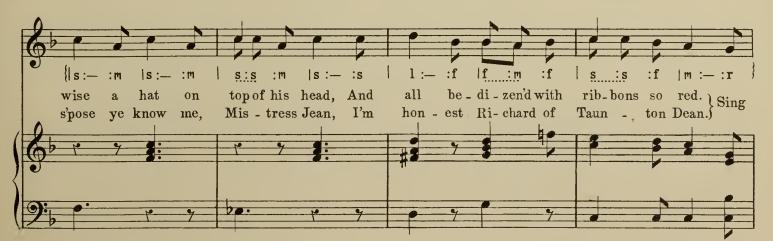
RICHARD OF TAUNTON DEAN.

















"I'm honest tho' I be but poor, I never was in love before; My mother bade me come to woo, And I can fancy none but you." Sing, Dumble, etc.

#### 6.

"Suppose that I should be your bride, Pray what for me would you provide? For I can neither sew nor spin; Pray what will your day's work bring in?" Sing, Dumble, etc.

#### 7.

"Why, I can plough and I can sow, And sometimes I to market go, With Gaffer Johnson's straw and hay, And earn my ninepence every day." Sing, Dumble, etc.

#### 8.

"No, more than ninepence ne'er will do, I must have silks and satins too! Ninepence a-day wont buy us meat" "Adzooks!" say Dick,"I've a sack of wheat. Sing, Dumble, etc.

### 9.

"Besides, I have a house hard by, "Tis all my own when mammy do die; If you'll consent to marry me now I'll feed you as fat as my feyther's old sow." Sing, Dumble, etc.

#### 10.

Dick's compliments did so delight, They made the family laugh outright; Young Richard huff'd, no more would say, He kicked old Dobbin and rode away. Singing, Dumble, etc.

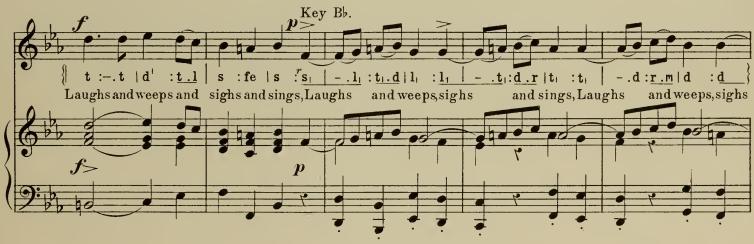
# WEEP NO MORE, THOU SORRY BOY.

Words from an old Part-song Book. A.D. 1622.

J. L. HATTON. (W. H. H.)



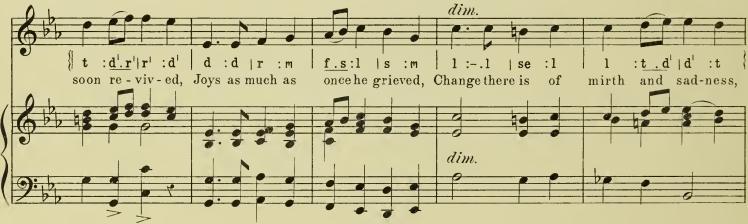












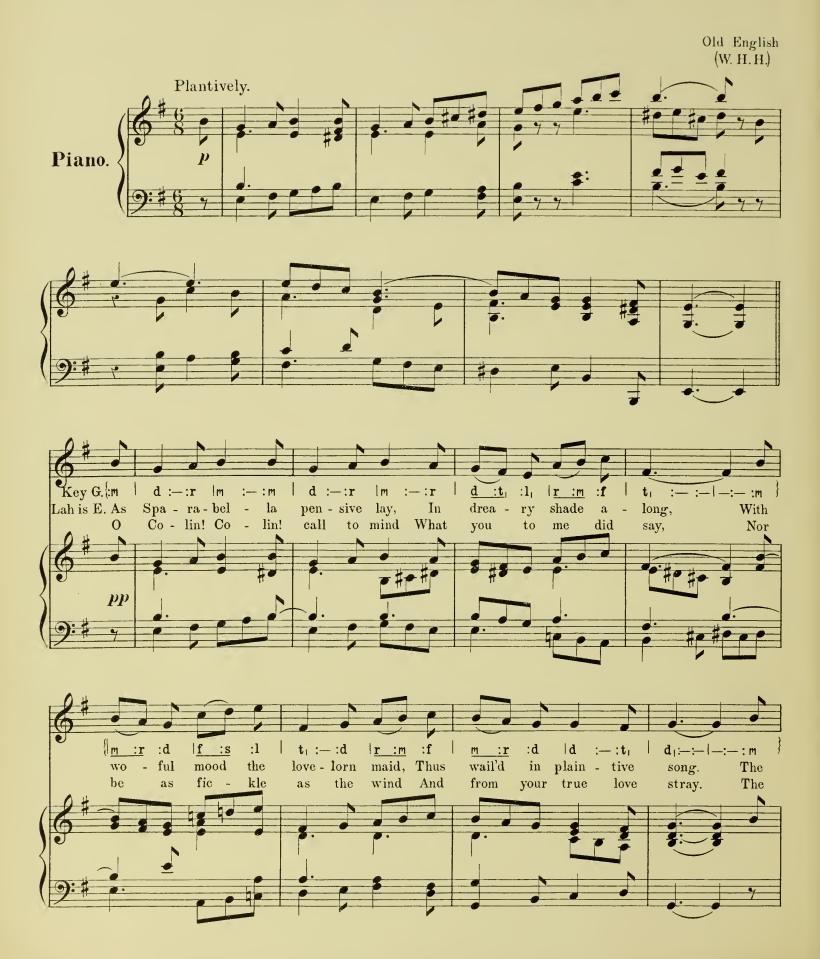


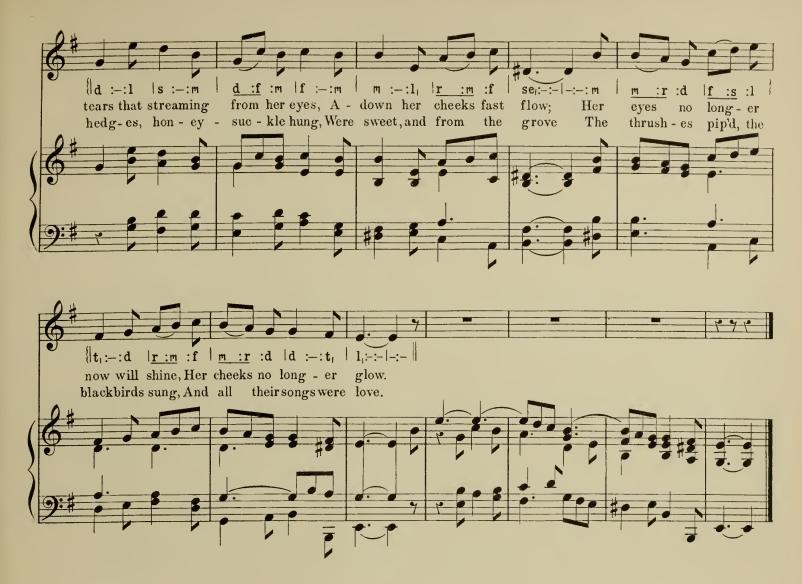






## Sparabella's Complaint.

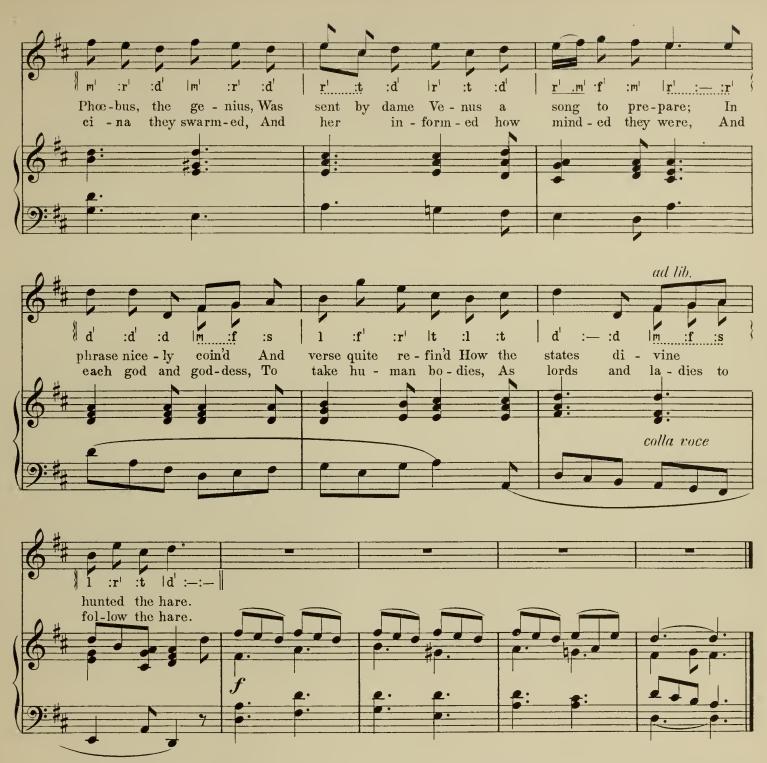




Did not you swear that first the hound Would with the hare unite? The fox with geese, with lambs the dog, And with the dove the kite? The moon that roves like you would fail, The stars benighted prove? The sun would furl his fiery sail Ere thou be false to love? 4.

O now may wide confusion reign, May hound with hare unite;
The fox with geese, with lambs the dog, And with the dove the kite.
Thou sun, no more in glory shine, Ye stars, extinguished be!
Thou moon to utter night decline Since Colin's false to me. Songs of Shepherds.





Light God Cupid was mounted on Pegasus Drawn from the Muses by kisses and prayers; Stern Alcides upon cloudy Caucasus, Mounted a centaur that proudly him bears; Postillion of the sky, Light-heel'd Mercury, Made his courser fly fleet as the air; While tuneful Apollo The chase did follow, And whoop and hollow, boys, after the hare. 4.

Three brown bowls to the Olympical rector, The Troy-born boy presents on his knee; Jove to Phœbus carouses in nectar,

And Phœbus to Hermes, and Hermes to me; Wherewith infused,

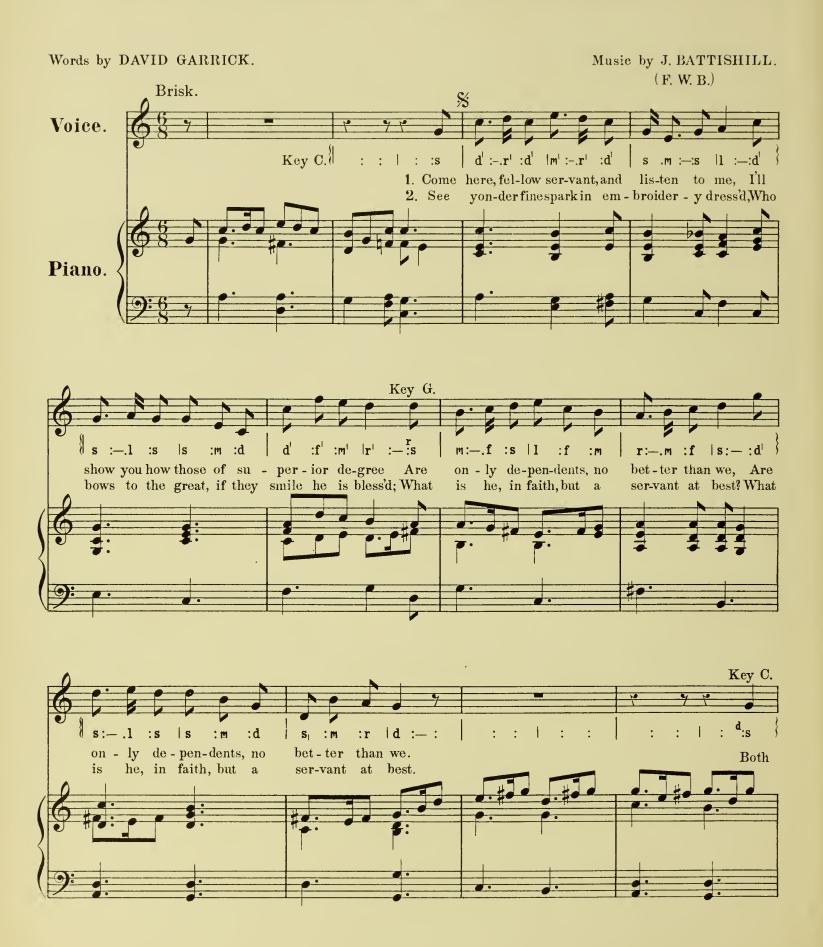
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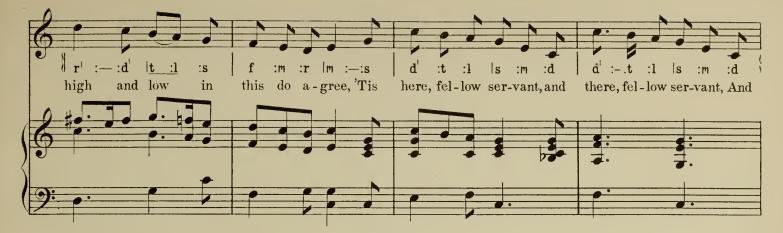
In language unused, their sports to declare; Till the house of Jove

Like the Spheres did move;

Health to those who love hunting the hare.

## Come here, fellow servant.









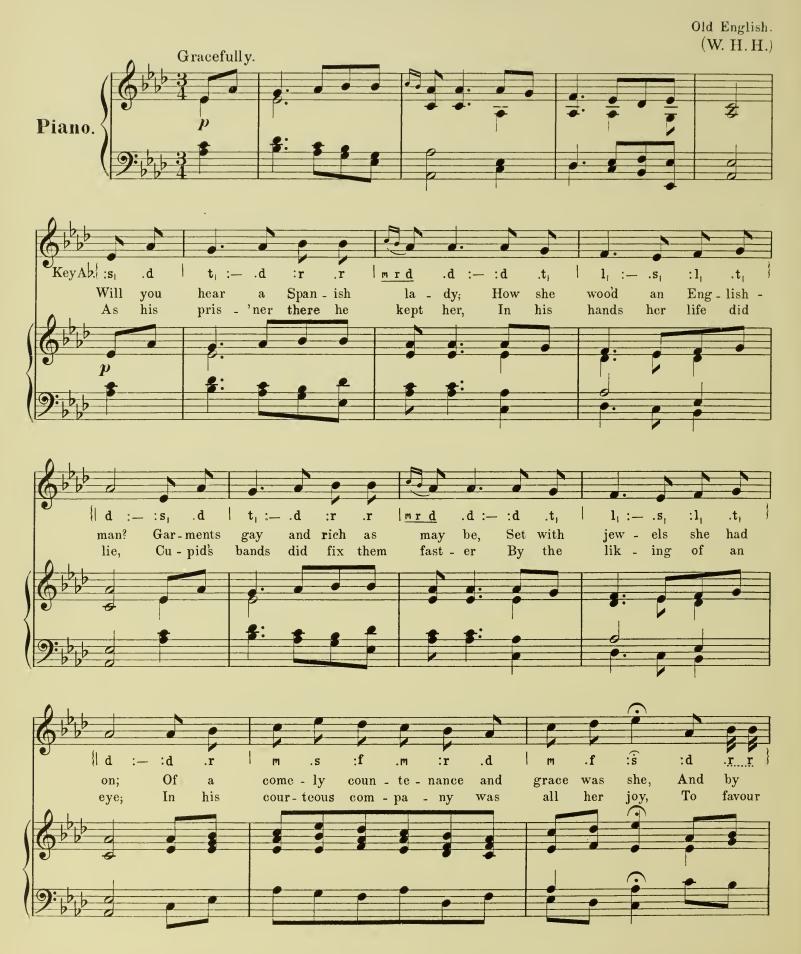
Nature made us alike, no distinction she craves; So we laugh at the world, with its fools and its knaves; For we are but servants, and they are all slaves. Both high and low, &c.

4.

The gay sparkling belle, who the city alarms, With eyes, neck and lips, sets the ladies in arms, Is a vassal herself, a mere drudge to her charms. Both high and low, &c.

#### 5.

Then we'll drink to our betters, and laugh, sing and love; And when sick of our place, to another we'll move; For with little and great, it is pleasure to rove. Both high and low, &c. YE SPANISH LADY.





But at last there came commandment For to set the ladies free, With their jewels still adornéd,

None to do them injury:

Then said this lady mild,"Full woe is me; Let me still sustain this kind captivity!"

4.

"Courteous ladye, leave this fancy:\_\_\_\_

Here comes all that breedeth strife\_

I in England have already

A sweet woman to my wife; I will not falsify my vow for gain,

Nor for all the fairest dames that live in Spain".

5.

'I will spend my days in prayer; Love and all its laws defy;

In a nunnery I will shroud me

Far from any company: But ere my prayers have end, be sure of this. To pray for thee, love, I will never miss?

#### 6.

Then farewell, most gallant captain, Farewell, too, my heart's content!

Count not Spanish ladies wanton,

Though to thee my love was bent:

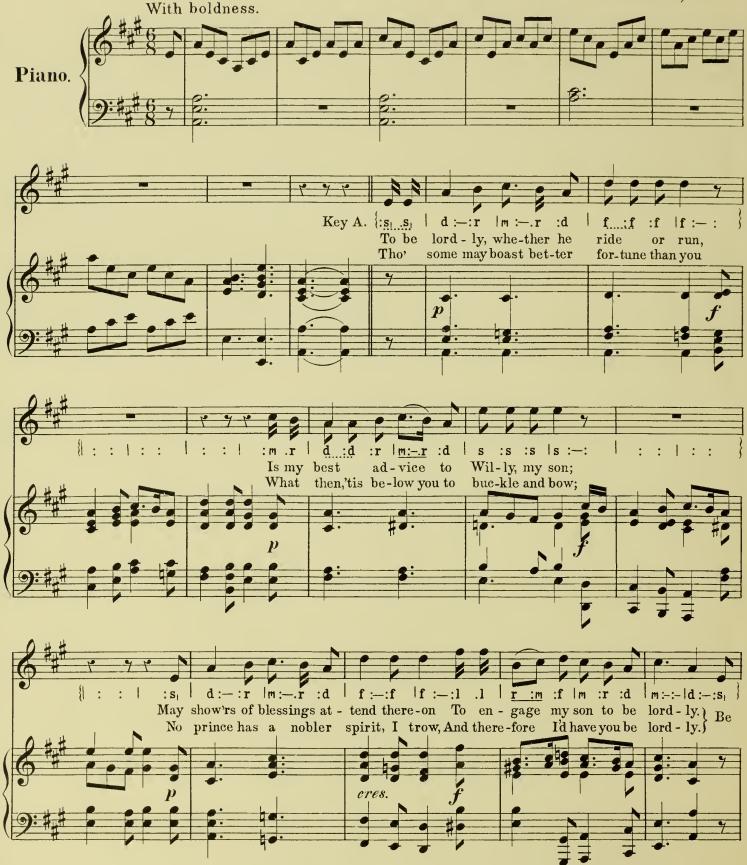
Joy and true prosperity go still with thee!'

"The like fall ever to thy share, lady !"

E.VII.b.

Be lordly, Willy, be lordly.

Northumbrian Ballad. (H. F. S.)







Consider, my Willy, what birthright you have, The king, himself, came of Adam and Eve, Your race is as ancient, and why not as brave, As worthy to strut, and be lordly. Be lordly, &c.

4.

Whatever you do, my Willy, beware Lest sharpers or scoundrels your company share, Kick 'em all to the Devil, at least have a care, They hinder my lad to be lordly.

Be lordly, &c.

#### \* 5.

Be wary of Bailiff, wherever you go, Ne'er want in your pocket a pistol or two; And rather than yield to the rogues, run 'em through, And shew your resolve to be lordly. Be lordly, &c.

6.

When death, that impudent cheat and bore, Like a constable cometh to rap at your door, Stare him full in the face, with a spirit not poor; And to the last moment be lordly, Be lordly, &c.

\* May be omitted in singing

THE HEAVING OF THE LEAD.

Words by W. PEARCE. Music by SHIELD. (W. H. H.) Allegro moderato. Piano. cres m Key Eb. :<u>d\_.,</u>r :m r :<u>f</u>.r d  $:t_1$ d m 1. For Eng-land when with fav-'ring gale, Our 2. And gain the port, Some bear-ing up to Key Bb.  $\underline{1 \cdot t} : \underline{d' \cdot 1} \quad |s := \underline{d' \cdot d}$ d.r:m.f |s :-.s f d :d  $\mathbf{t}_{\perp} \mathbf{.l}_{\parallel} : \mathbf{s}_{\perp} \mathbf{.f}_{\parallel} \mid \mathbf{m}_{\parallel} : := \mathbf{.s}_{\parallel}$ 11 .r :m .f ea - sy sail, The high blue wes - tern gal-lant ship up channel\_steer'd; And scud-ding un - der view; An ab - beytow'r, a wellknown ob - ject kept in ru - in'd fort, Or bea-con, to the Key Eb. : <sup>d</sup>.s a 🕅 :t, |d :---. : : ď :=.d' | d' .t :=.t<u>t .1</u> :1 1 .s :-.s land ap-pear'd. To heave the lead the sea-man sprung, And ves-sel true; While off the lead the sea-man flung, And

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And as the much lov'd shore we near, With transport we behold the roof

Where dwelt a friend or partner dear,

Of faith and love a matchless proof! The lead once more the seaman flung, And to the watchful pilot sung,

"Quarter-less - Five!"

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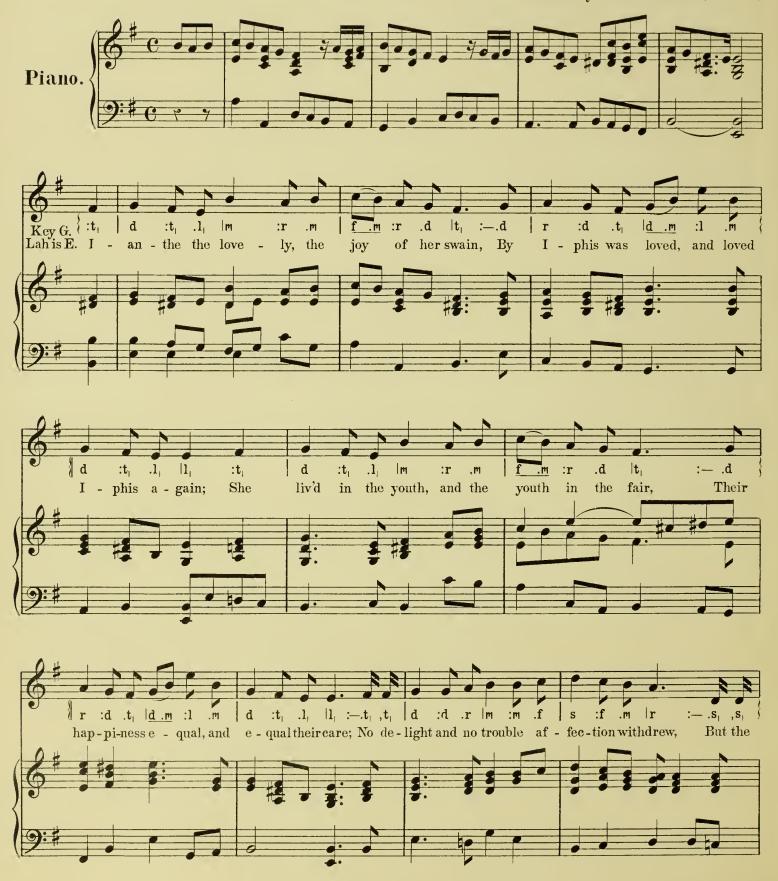
Now to her berth the ship draws nigh, With slacken'd sail she feels the tide; "Stand clear the cable!" is the cry -

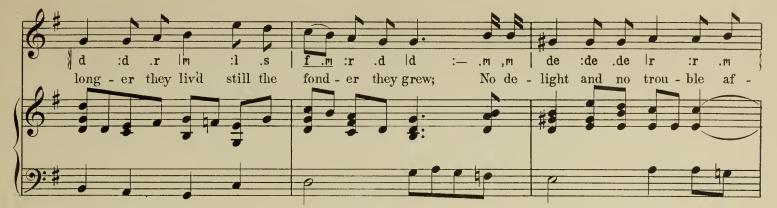
The anchor's gone, we safely ride. The watch is set, and through the night, We hear the seaman with delight,

Proclaim — "All's well!"

IANTHE THE LOVELY.

Music by J. BARRETT. (F. W. B.)









A passion so happy astonish'd the plain, Some envied the damsel, but more envied the swain. Some swore 'twould be pity their love to invade, That the lovers alone for each other were made. But all, all consented that none ever knew, A damsel more kind, or a shepherd so true.

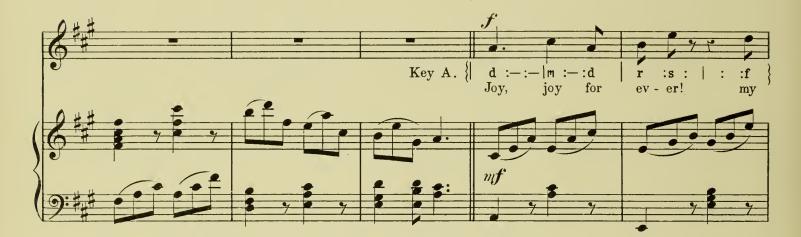
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Love saw them with pleasure, and vow'd to take care Of the faithful, the tender, the innocent pair. What either might want he bade either to move, But neither aught wanted save ever to love. He said all to bless them his god-head could do, That they still should be kind, and they still should be true.

JOY, JOY FOR EVER.

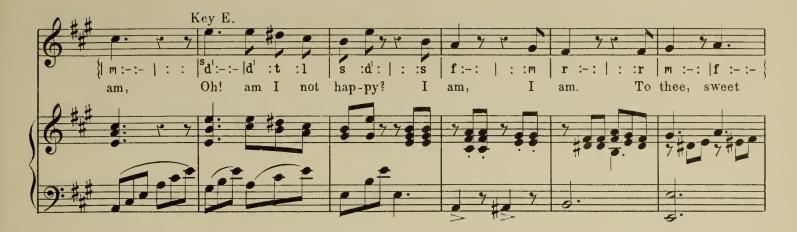
JOHN CLARK WHITFIELD, Mas.D. (W. H. H.)





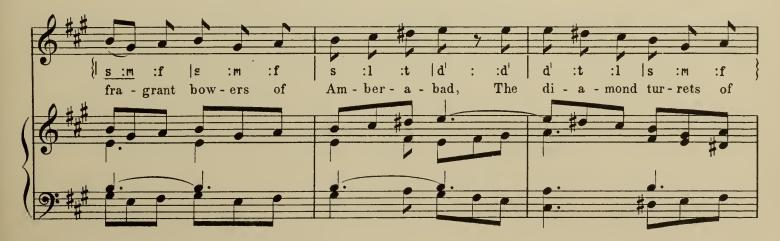










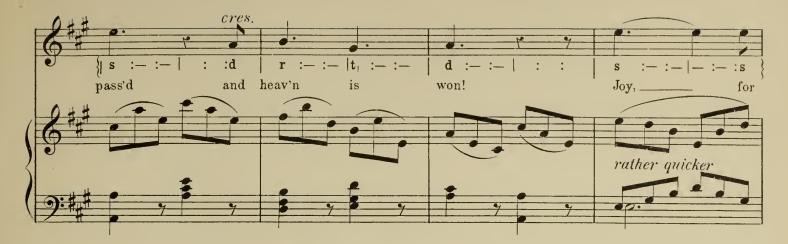
















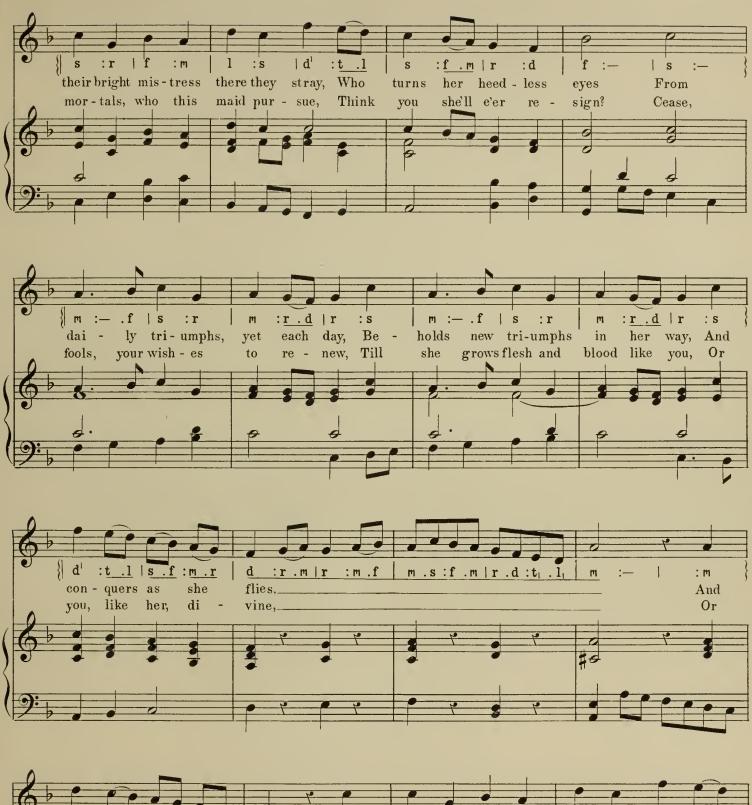


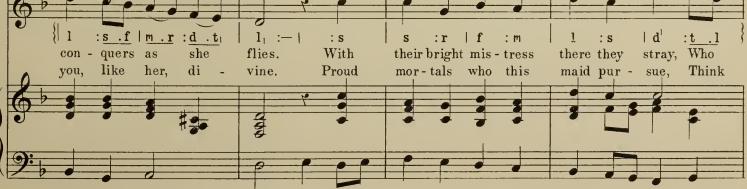
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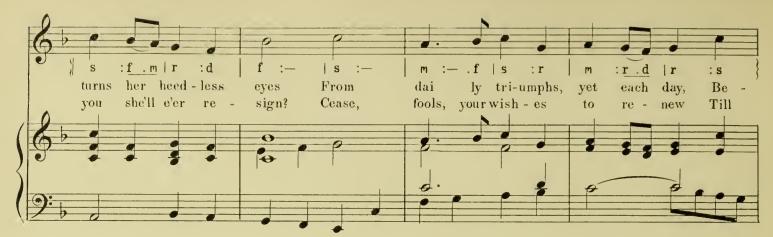
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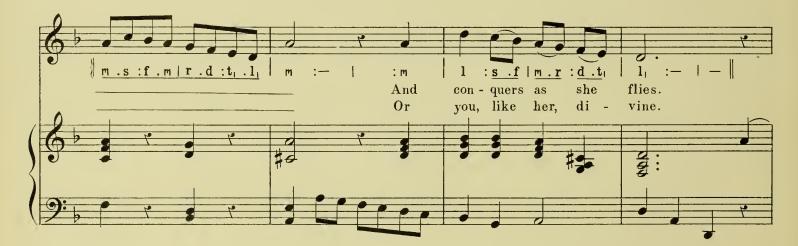














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Music by D! BOYCE. (F. W. B.)





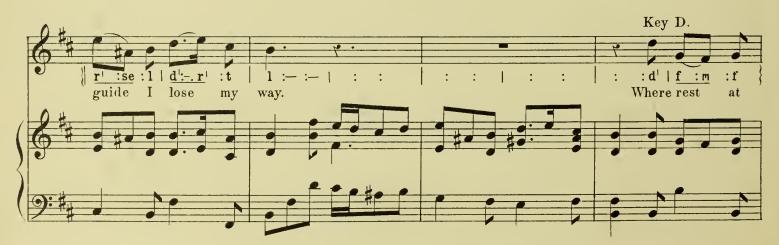


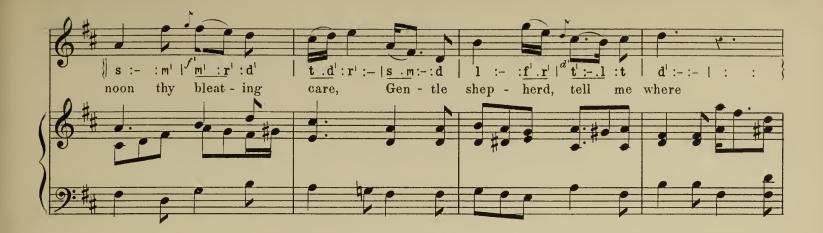








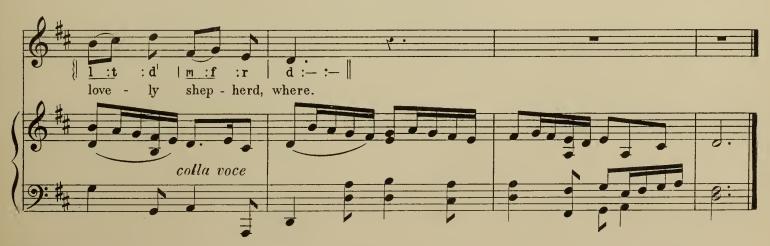




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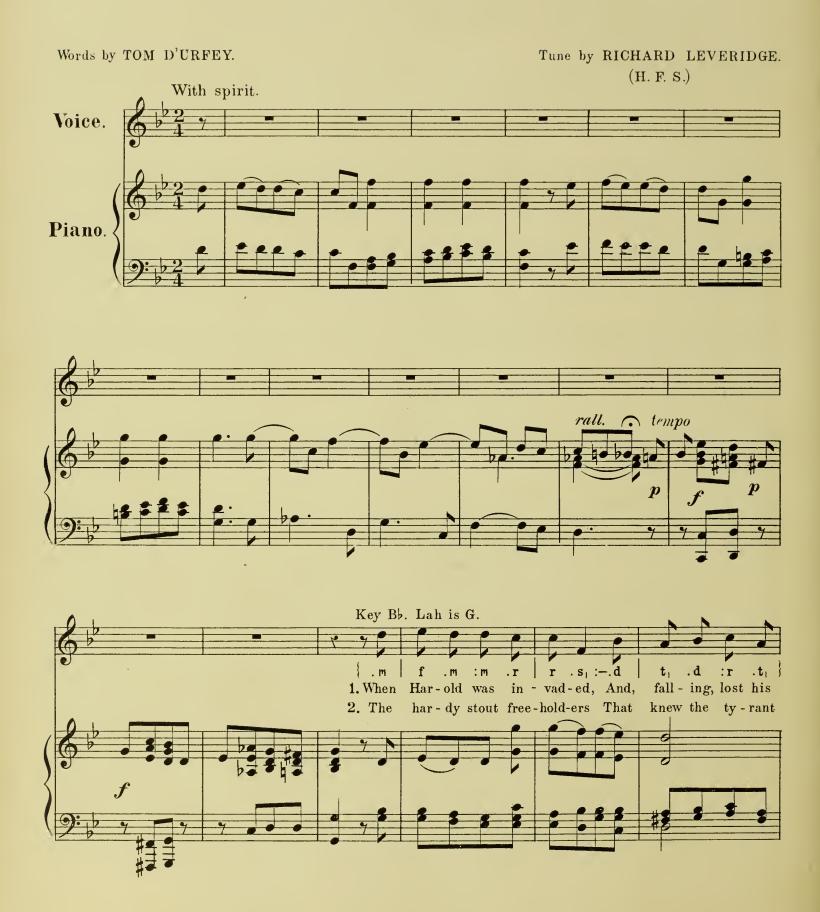


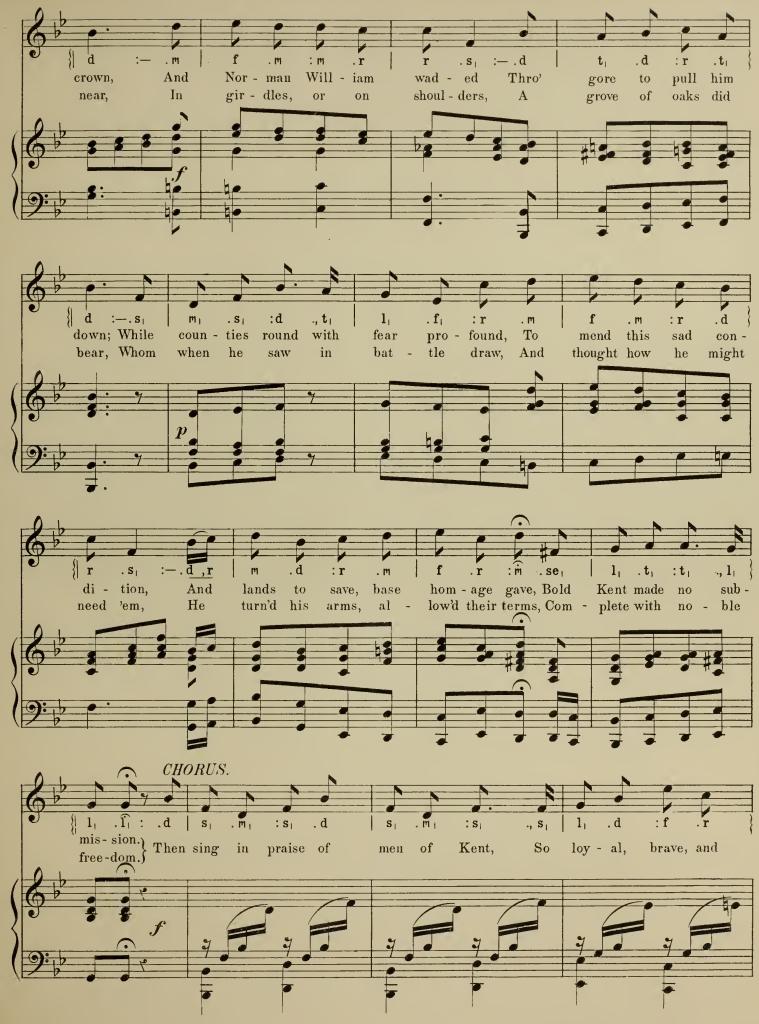




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# BRAVE MEN OF KENT.







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3.

At hunting, or the race, too,

They sprightly vigour show.

And at a female chase, too,

None like a Kentish beau.

All blest with health, and as for wealth,

By Fortune's kind embraces,

A yeoman grey will oft out-wiegh

A knight in other places.

### 4.

The promis'd land of blessing, For our fore-fathers meant, Is now in right possessing,

For Canaan sure was Kent.

The dome at Knoll by fame extoll'd,

The church at Canterbury,

The hops, the beer, the cherries there, May fill a famous story.

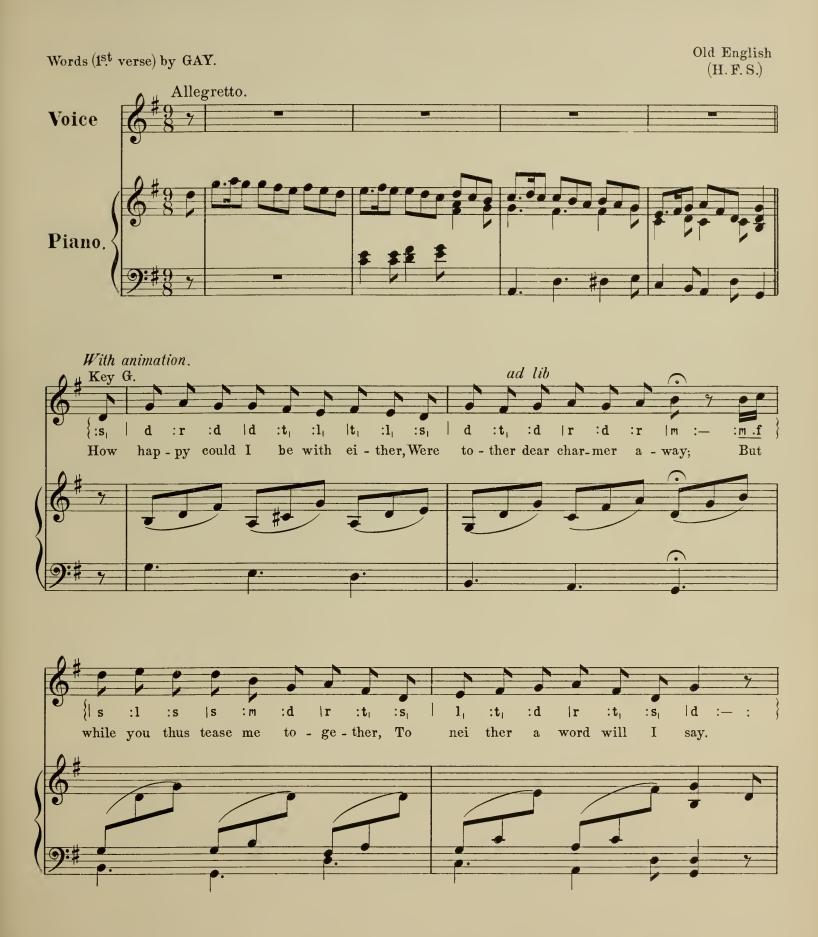
### CHORUS. Then sing in praise of Kentish men

So loyal, brave, and free,

'Mongst Britain's race, if one surpass,

A man of Kent is he.

# HOW HAPPY COULD I BE WITH EITHER.

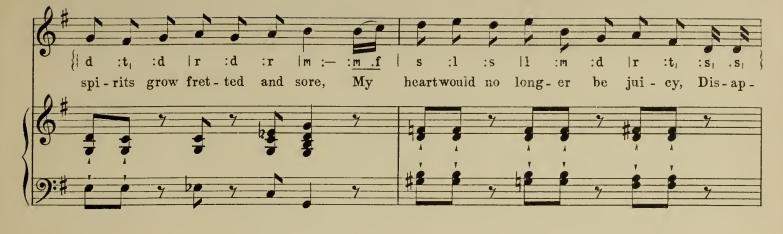


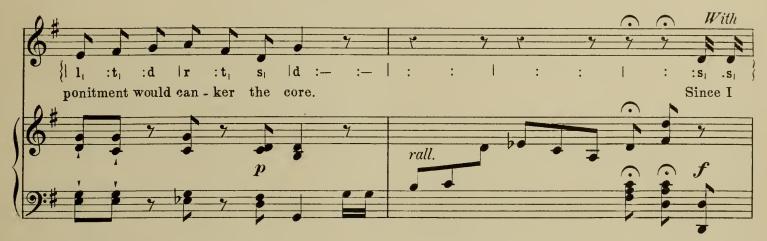


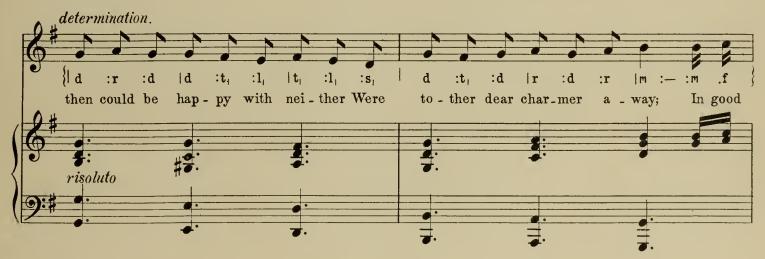














When forced from dear Hebe to go.

Words by SHENSTONE.

Music by Dr. ARNE. (H. F. S.)



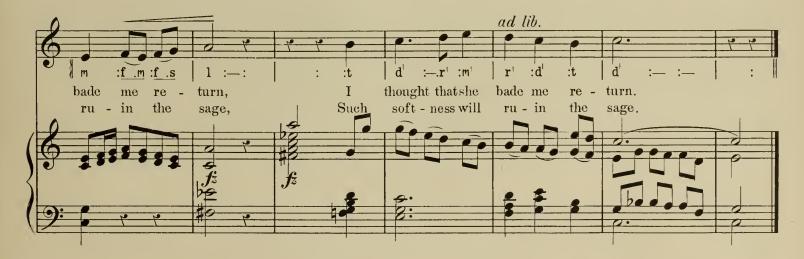












I've stole from no flow'rets that grow, To paint the dear charms I approve; For what can a blossom bestow, So sweet, so delightful as Love? I sing in a rustical way, A shepherd, and one of the throng, Yet Hebe approves of my lay. So, poets, go, envy my song.

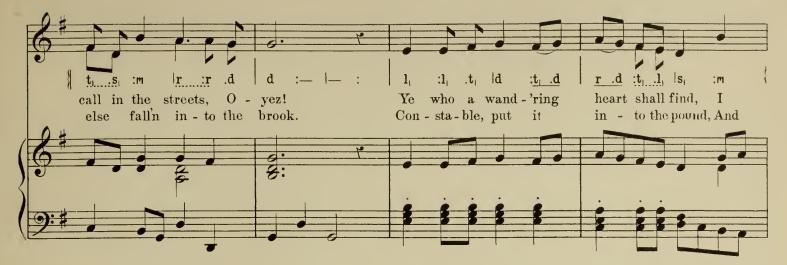
# AY ME! WHAT SHALL I DO?

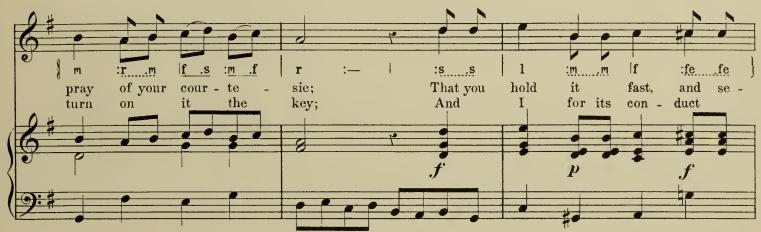






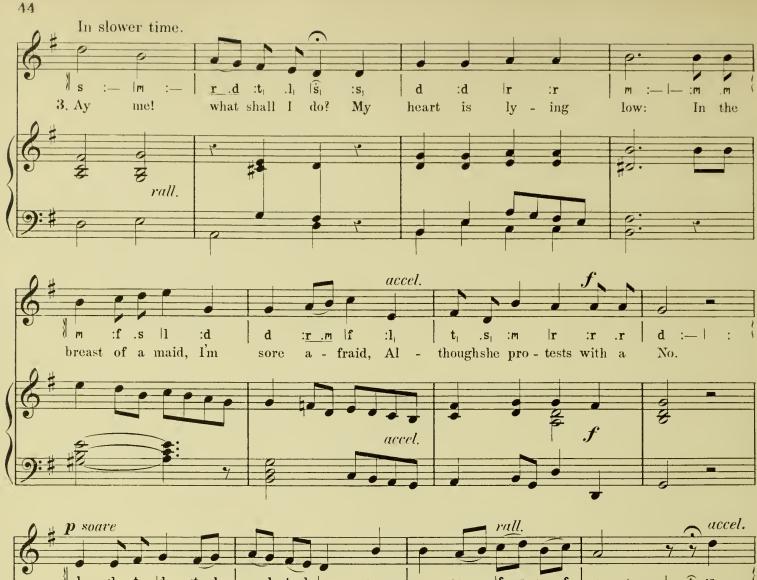






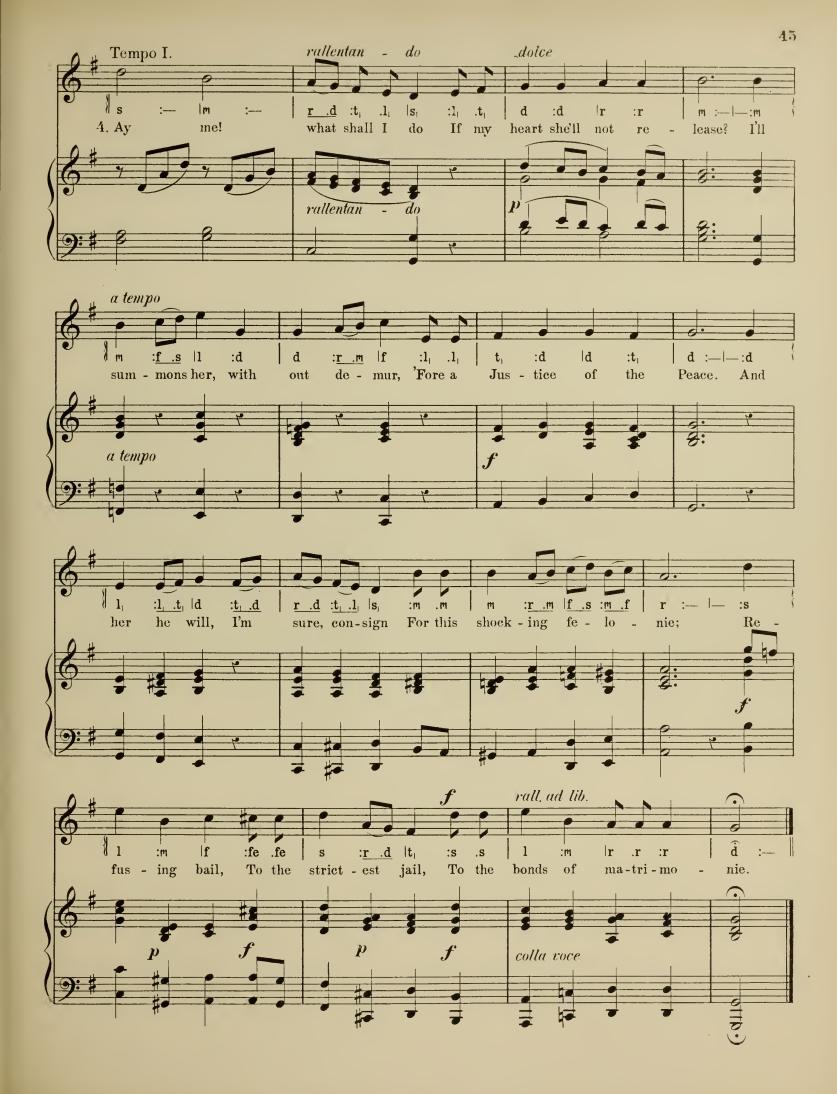






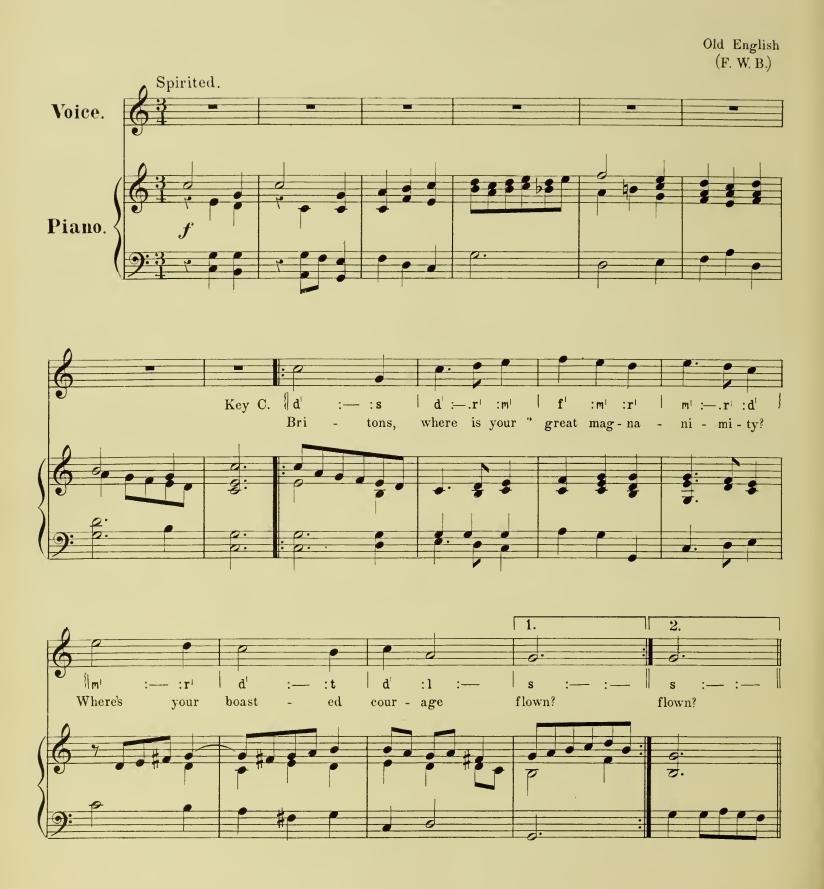






# BRITONS, WHERE?

(A Celebrated Patriotic Song of 1738.)









What your ancestors won so victoriously, Crown'd with conquest in the field,You'd relinquish, and O! most ingloriously To oppression, tamely yield.

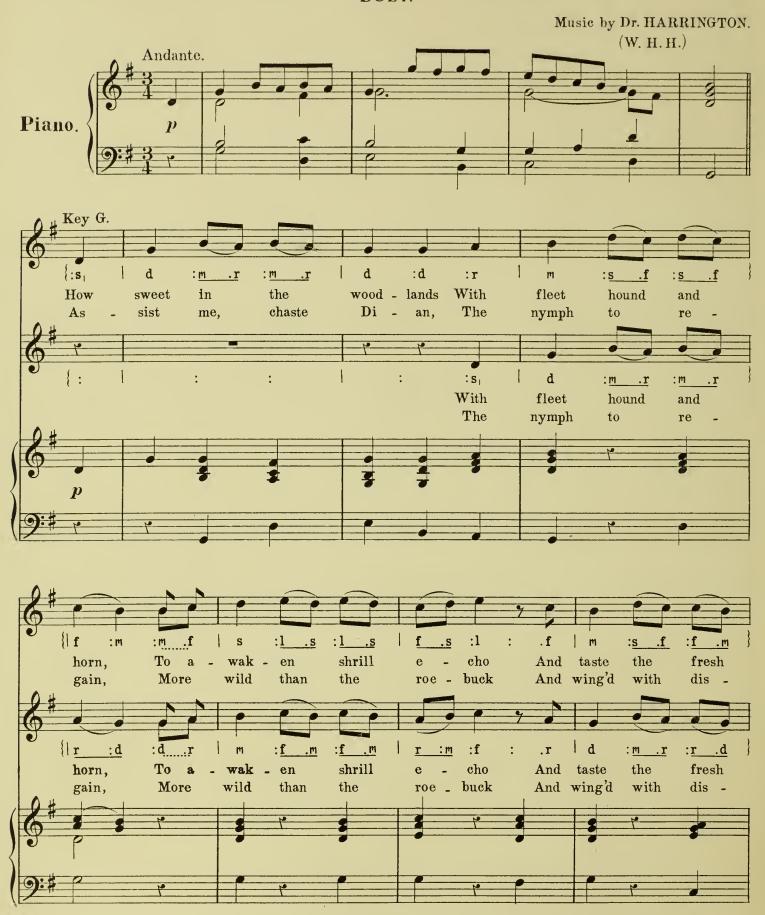
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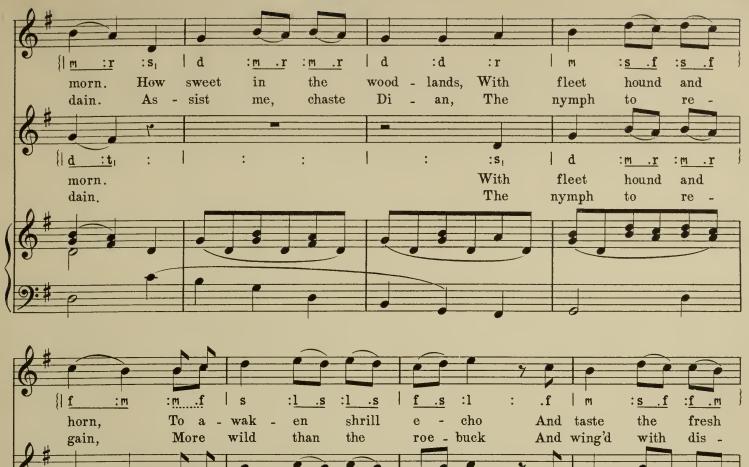
Freedom now for her flight makes preparative, See her weeping quit the shore,

Britain's loss will then be comparative, Never to behold her more.

#### 4.

Gracious Heaven, assist to exergitate, Stretch forth your vindicting hand, Make oppressors their plunder regurgitate, And preserve a sinking land. HOW SWEET IN THE WOODLANDS. DUET.





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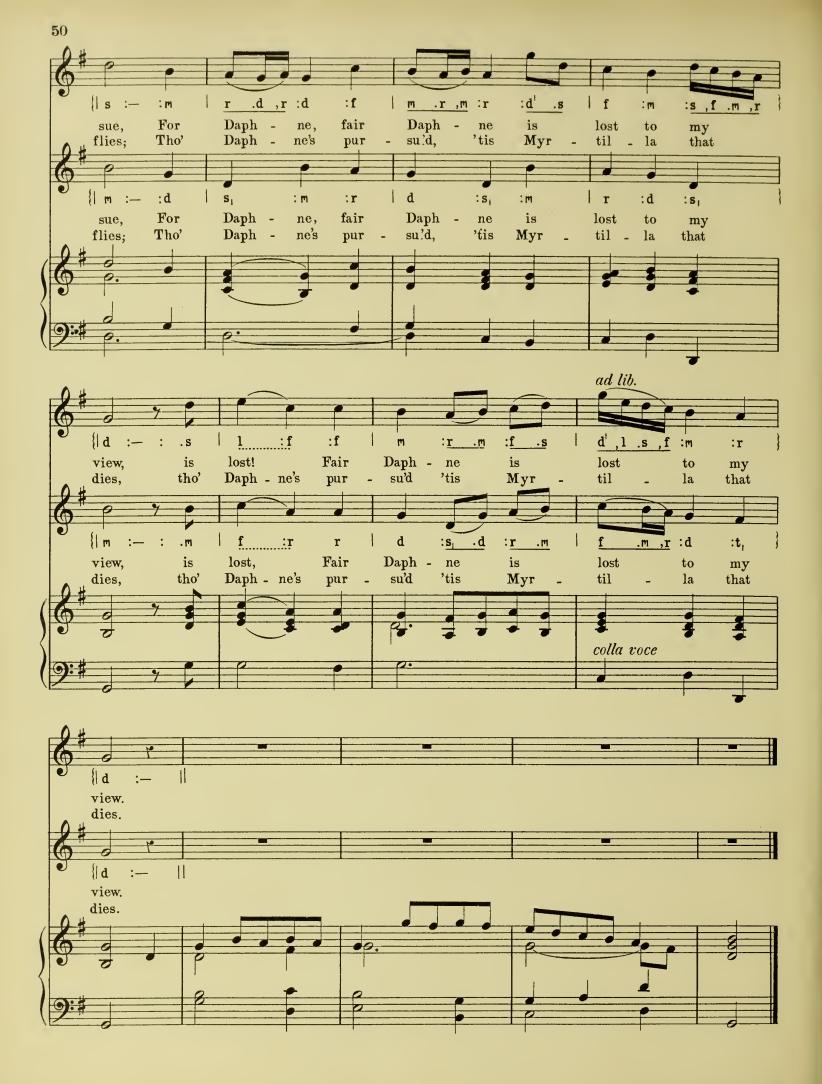
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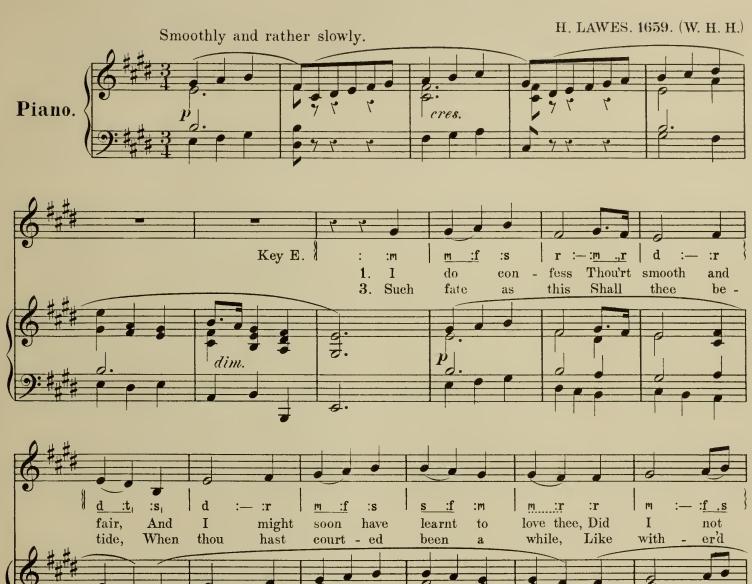
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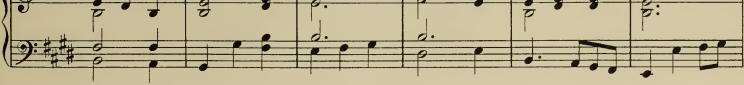
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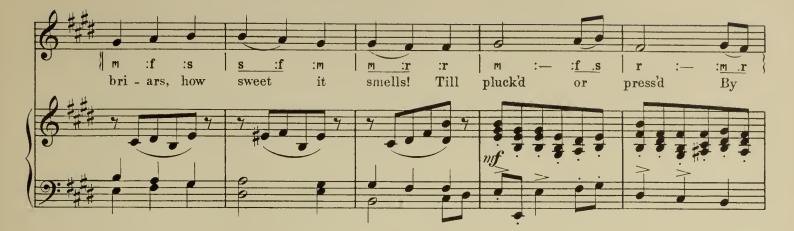


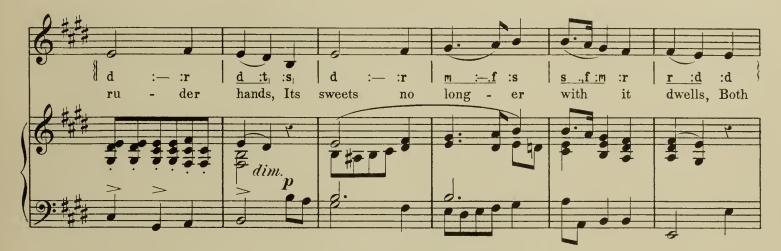








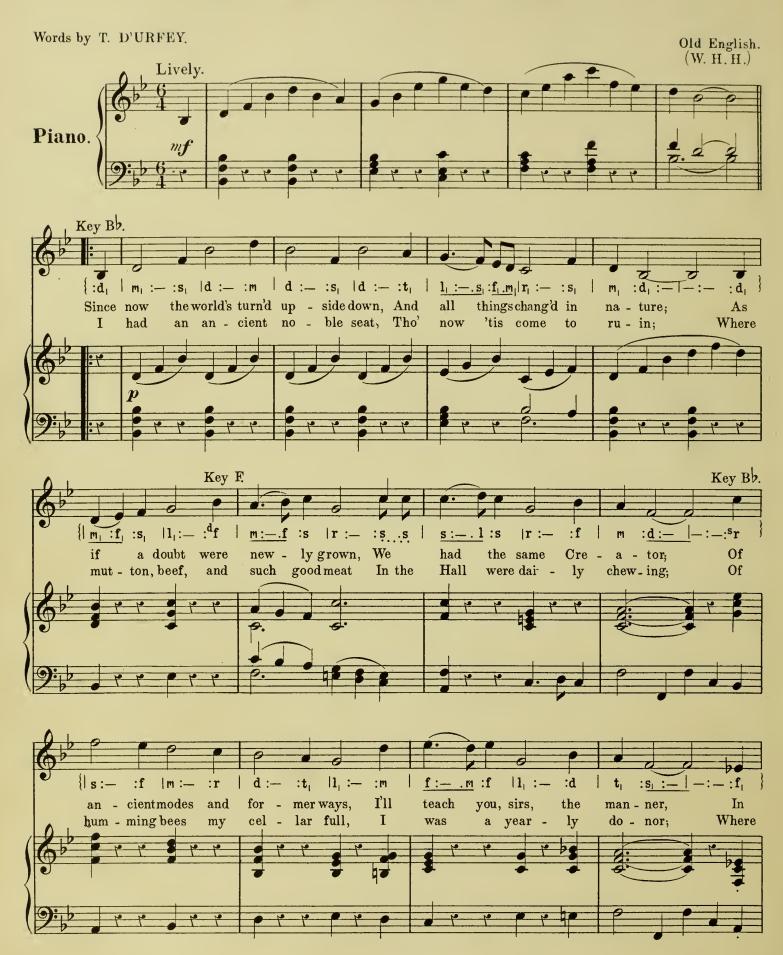


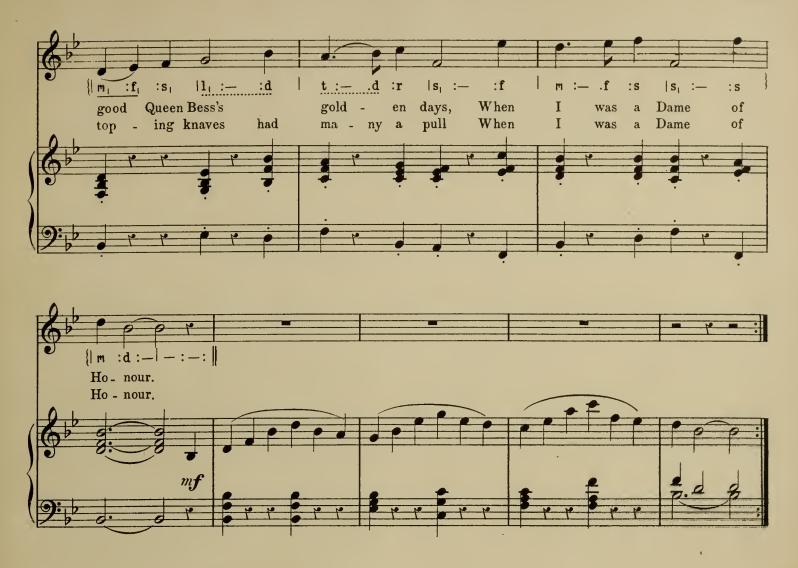






THE DAME OF HONOUR.





My men of homespun, honest greys, Had coats and comely badges,
They wore no dirty, ragged lace, Nor e'er complained for wages.
For gaudy fringe or silk o'th 'town I feared no threat'ning dunner;
But wore a decent grogram gown, When I was a Dame of Honour. 4.

Untarnish'd was my ancient name, In spite of oaths and lying;
The fawning younkers round me came, My gold and acres spying.
My fan to guard my lips I kept From Cupid's pert o'er runner,
And many a Roman nose I tapp'd When I was a Dame of Honour.

My neighbours still I treated round, And strangers that came near me; The poor, too, always welcome found, Whose prayers did still endear me; Let therefore who at court would be, No churl nor yet no fawner, Match in old hospitality Queen Bess's Dame of Honour.

<sup>5.</sup> 

# THE SHEPHERD'S WINTER SONG.



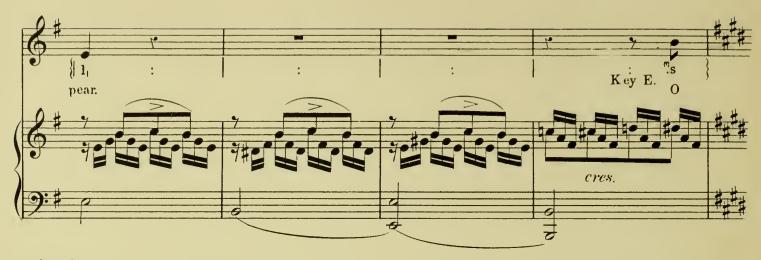
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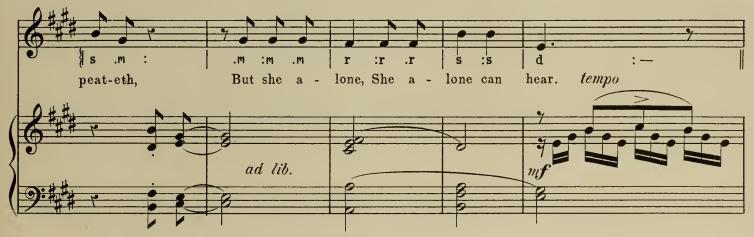






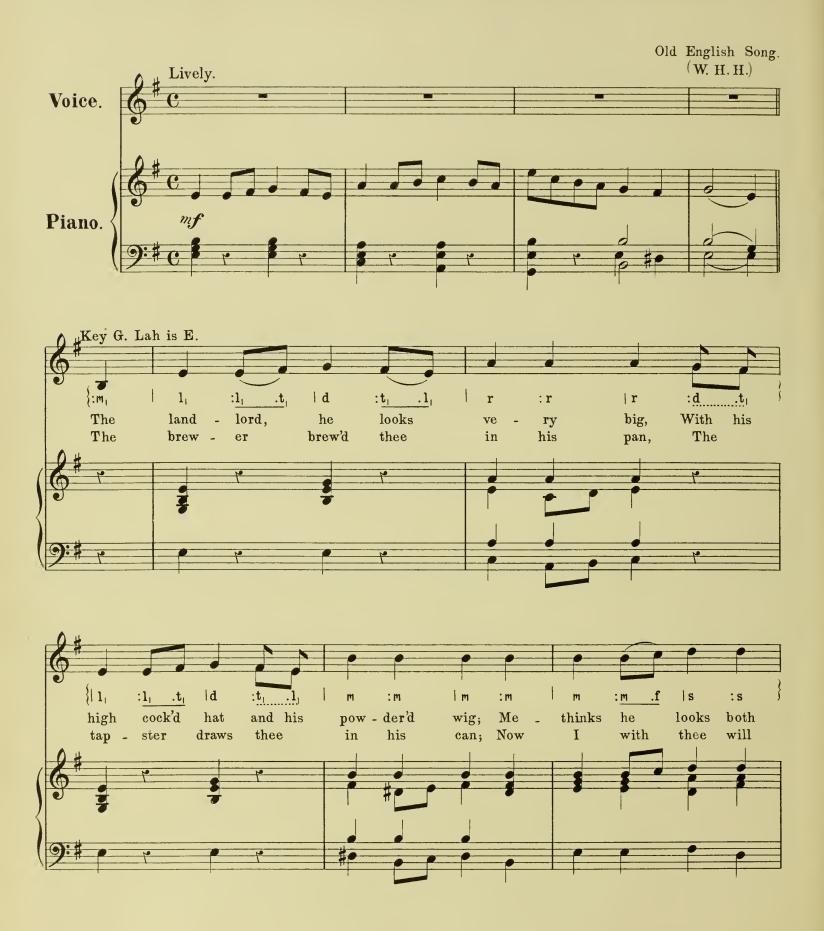


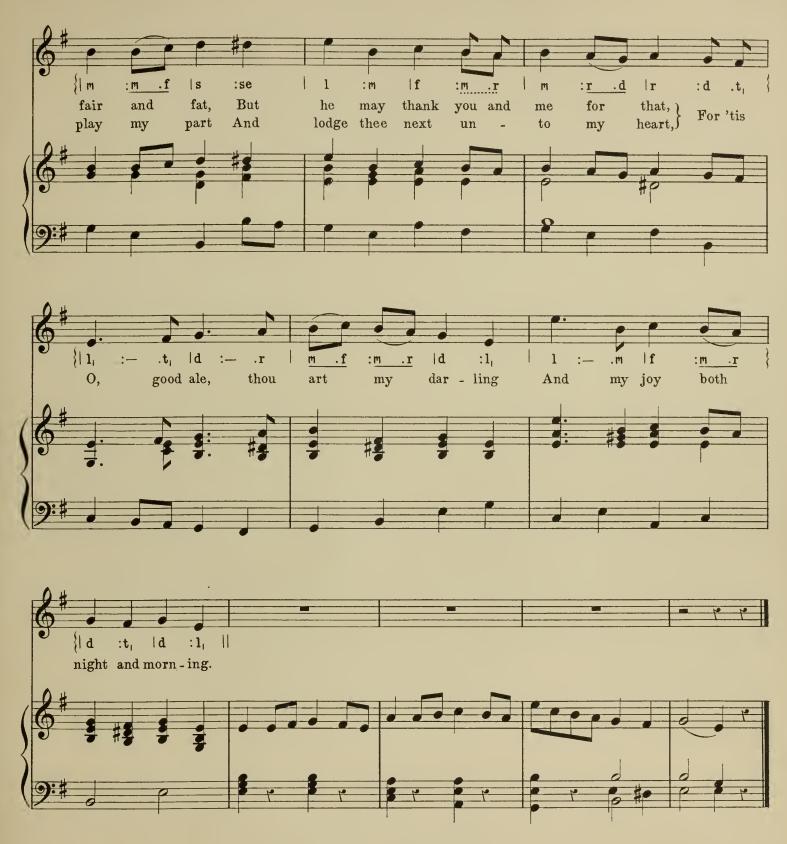






# O GOOD ALE, THOU ART MY DARLING.





Thou oft hast made my friends my foes, And often made me pawn my clothes; But since thou art so nigh my nose, Come up, my friend,\_ and down he goes. For'tis O, good ale, &c.

## Molly Lepell.

Words by the EARL of CHESTERFIELD and Mr. PULTENEY.

Old English Air. (W. H. H.)





3. 'Tis a maxim that's fit for a lover, If he kisses he ought not to tell, But Tongue! it could never discover Its raptures with Molly Lepell. If Pope would but write me a sonnet, Through England my ballad would sell;

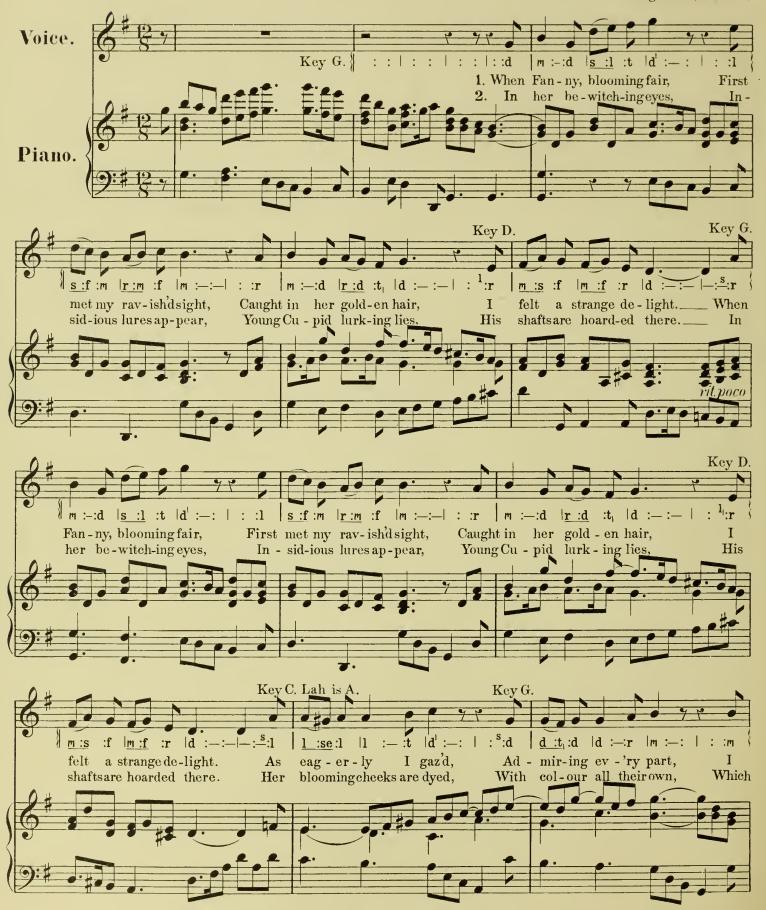
And all the world go mad upon it

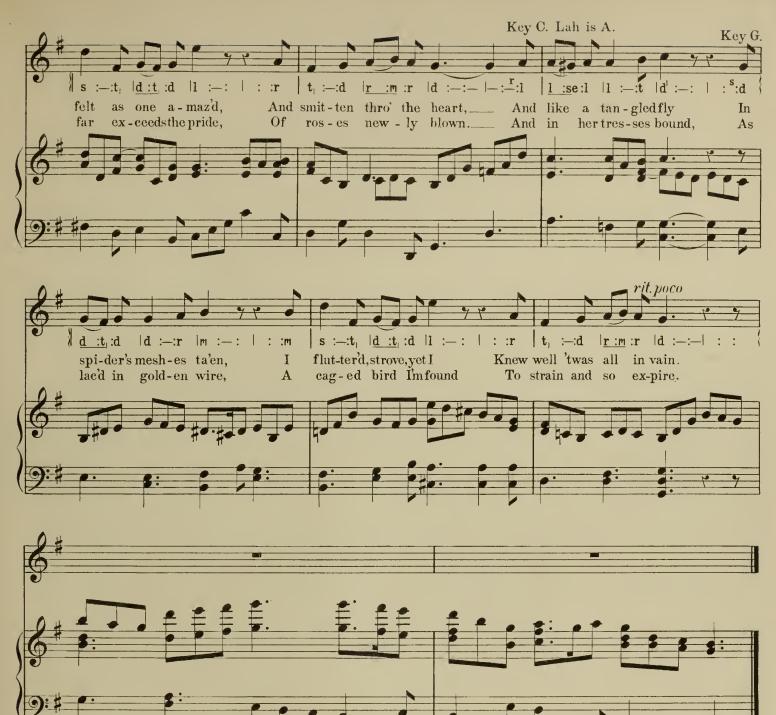
To sing of sweet Molly Lepell.

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### When Fanny, blooming fair.

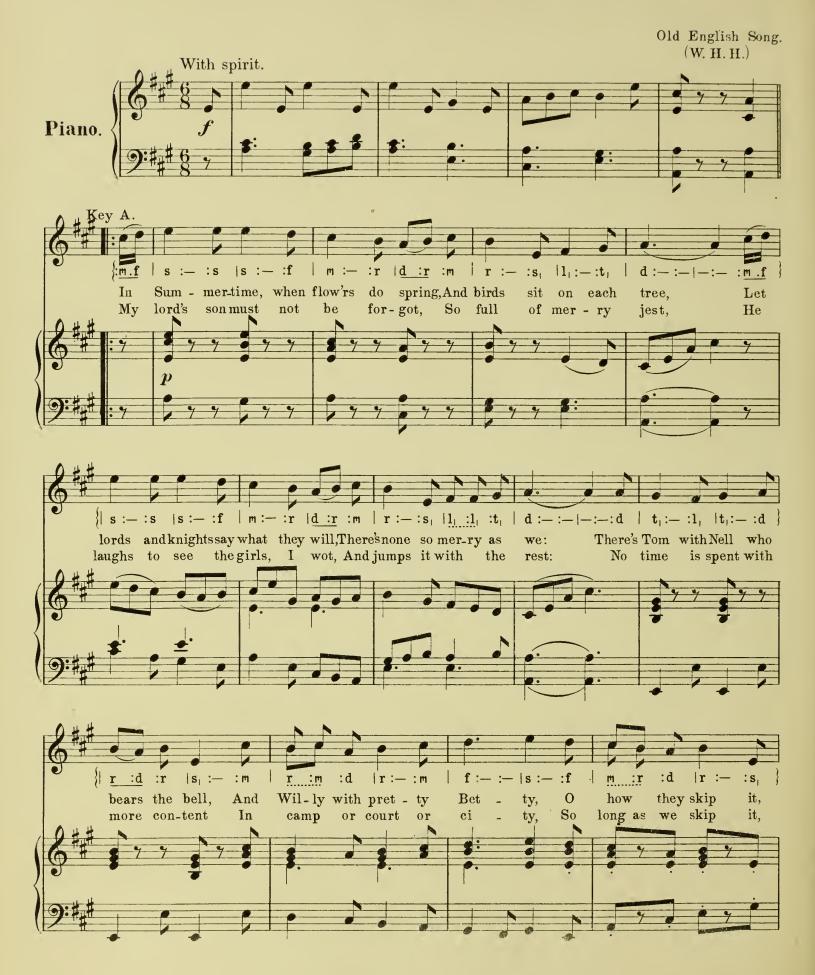
Old English. (F. W. B.)

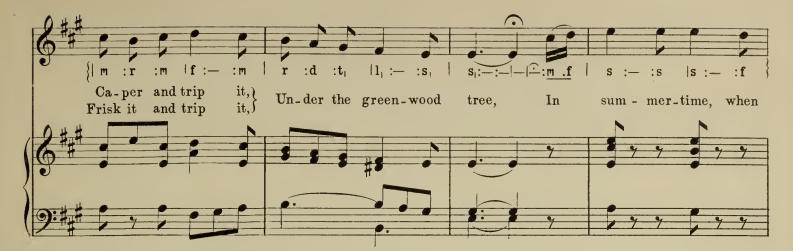




Her cherry lips to taste
My battered wings I beat,
So ruby red and chaste
For Cupid's self a treat.
Her well turn'd brows confess
The lucky hand of Jove,
Her features all express
The beauteous queen of love.
Each dimple in her cheek
Fills me with wild despair
O would! 'tis all I seek,
My grave one dimple were.

UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE.





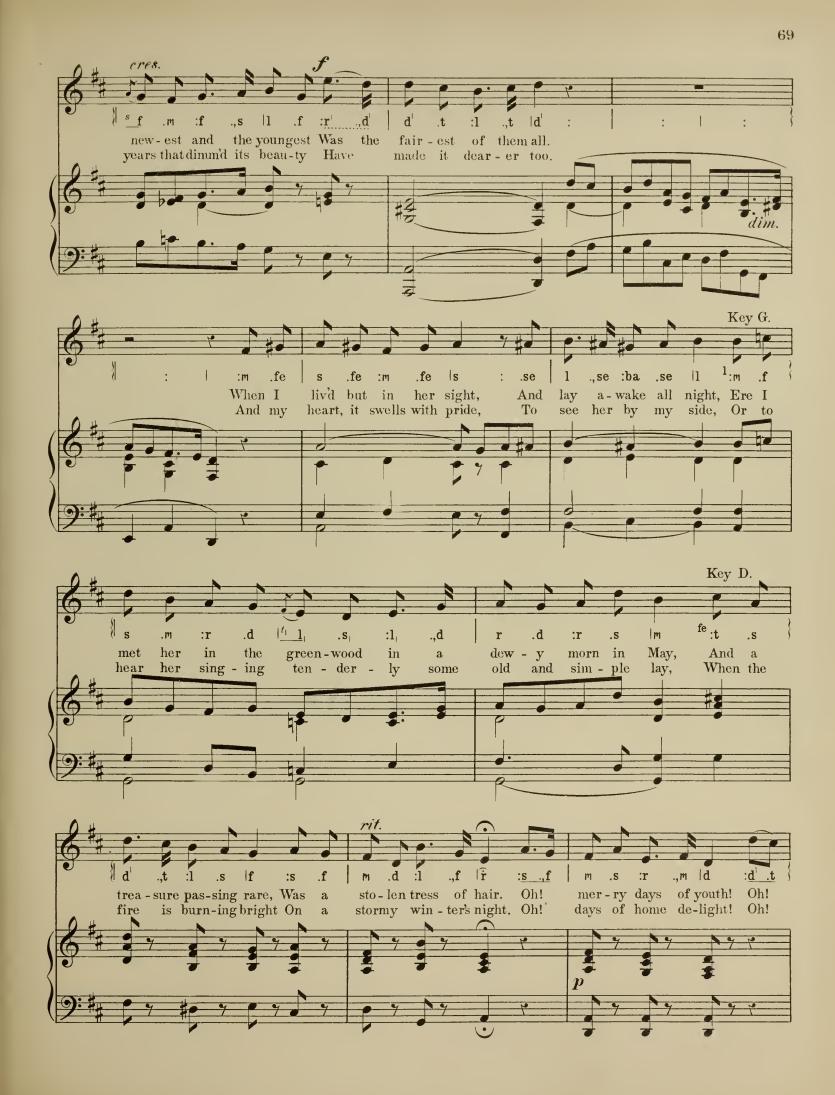


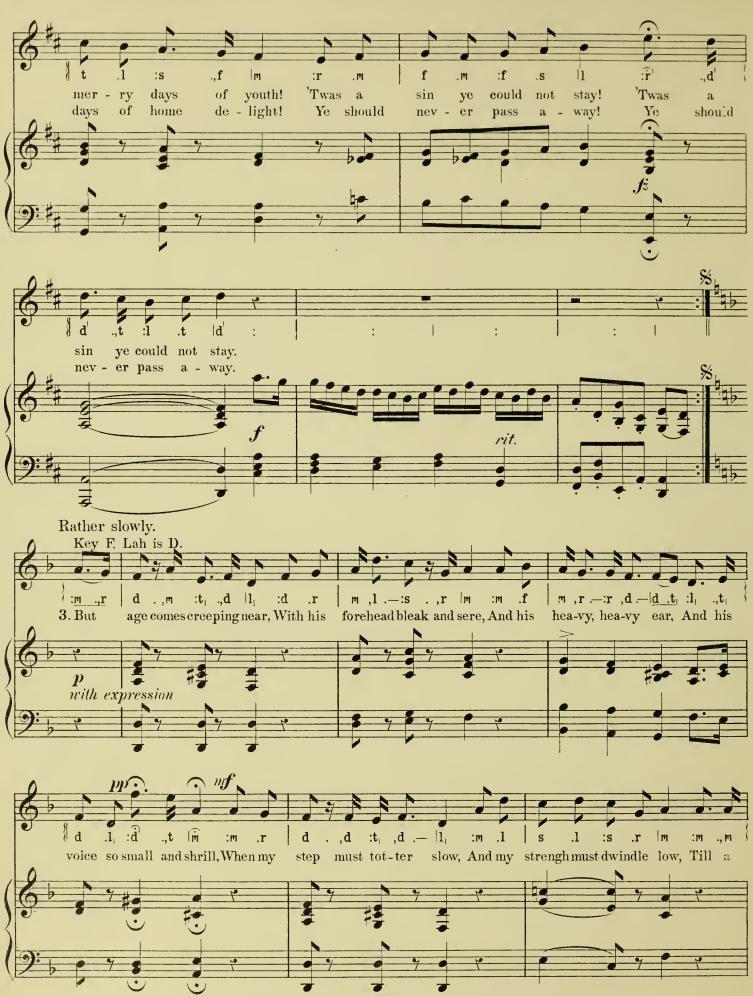


Our music is a little pipe That can so sweetly play, We hire old Hal from Whitsuntide Till latter Lammas day. On high days and on holy days, After evening prayer comes he, And then we do skip it, Caper and trip it, Under the green-wood tree. 4.

We oft go to Sir William's ground, And a rich old cub is he, And there we dance a round, But never a penny we see, When the day is spent, with one consent Again we all agree To caper and trip it, Trample and trip it, Under the green-wood tree THE THREE AGES OF LOVE.

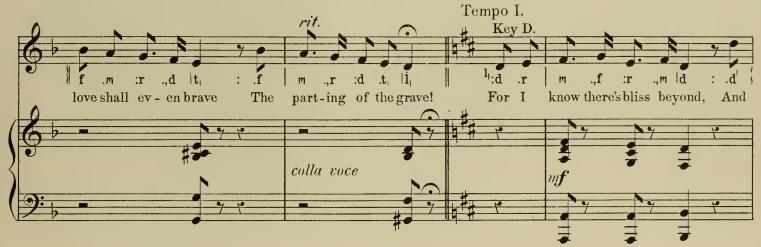






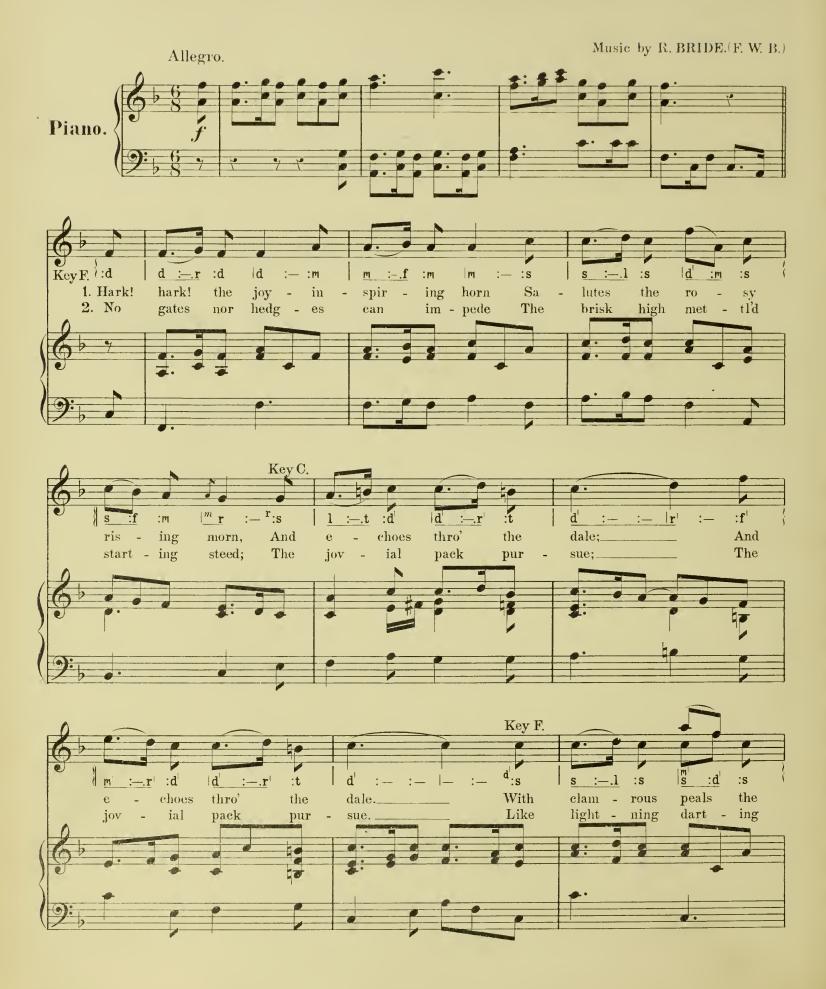


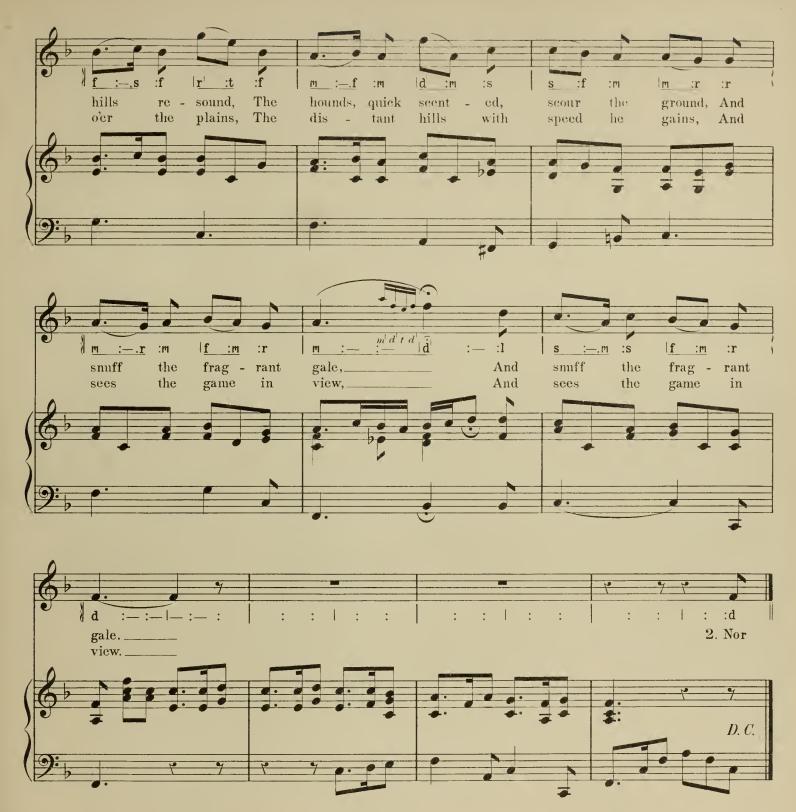






THE JOY-INSPIRING HORN.





**3**.

His path the timid hare forsakes, And to the copse for shelter makes,

There pants awhile for breath; When now the noise alarms her ear, Her haunt descried, her fate is near, She sees approaching death. 4.

Directed by the fav'ring breeze, The hounds their trembling victim seize,

She faints, she falls, she dies;

The distanced coursers now come in,

And join the loved triumphant din,

Till echo rends the skies.

MAIDENS, BEWARE YE.

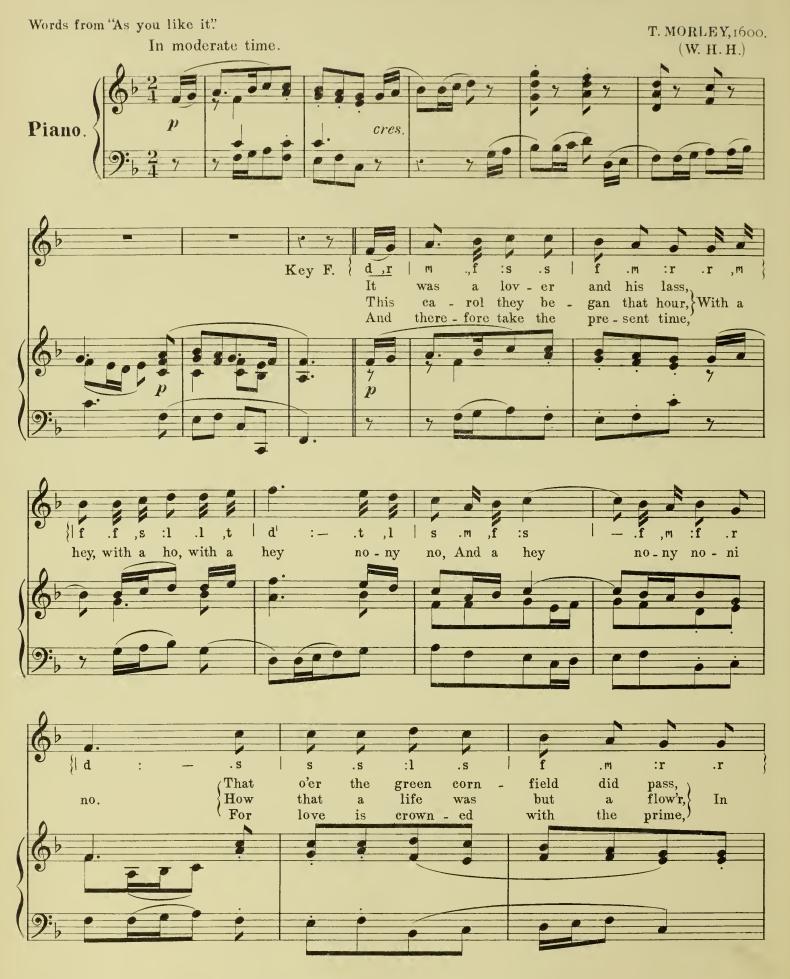
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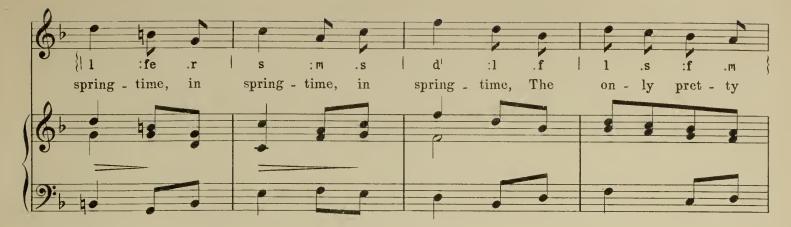




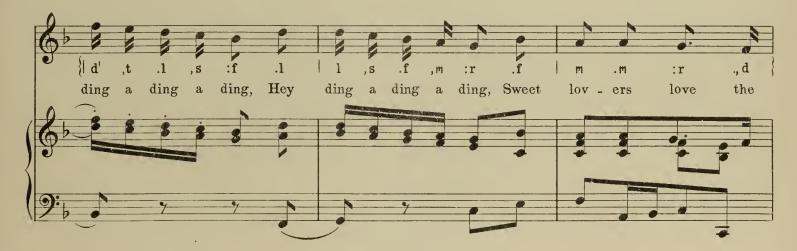


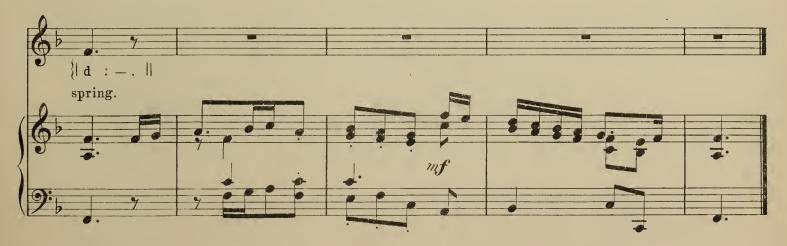
2. Liberty guard ye, Mirth will reward ye, Lost, you will oft your folly blame. Freedom ended, Patched and mended Hearts are never quite the same, Never quite the same. IT WAS A LOVER AND HIS LASS.



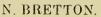








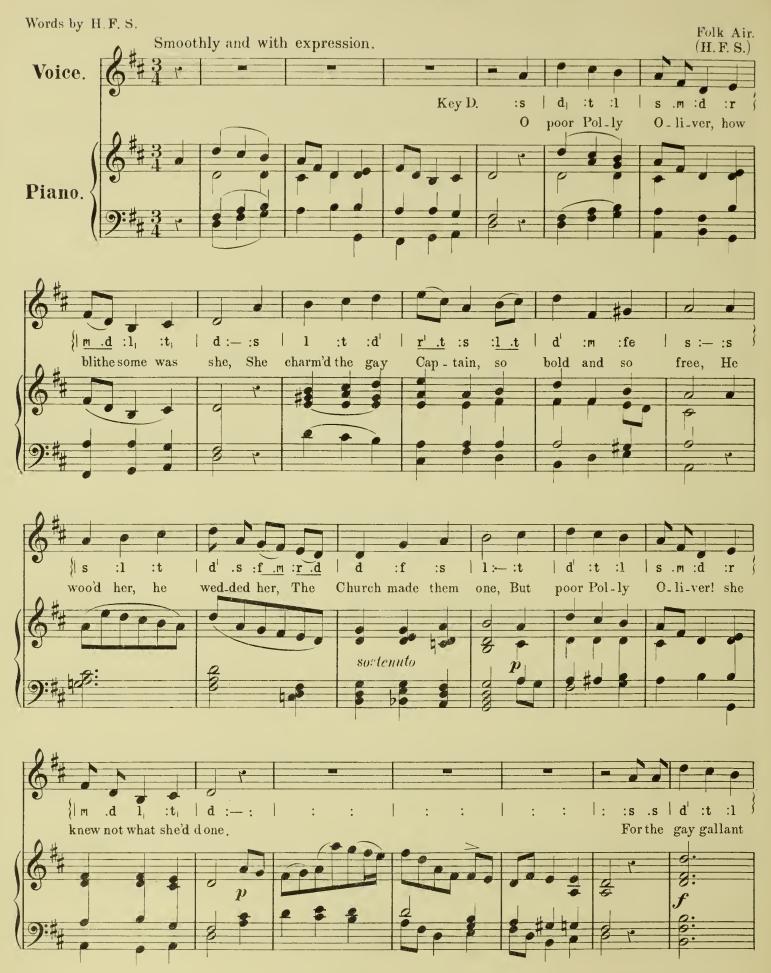
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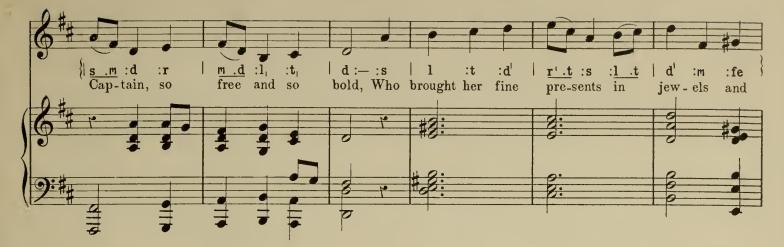


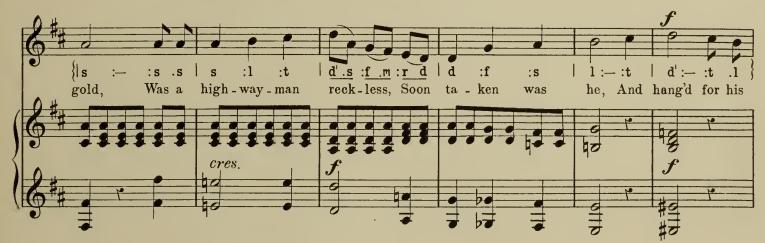


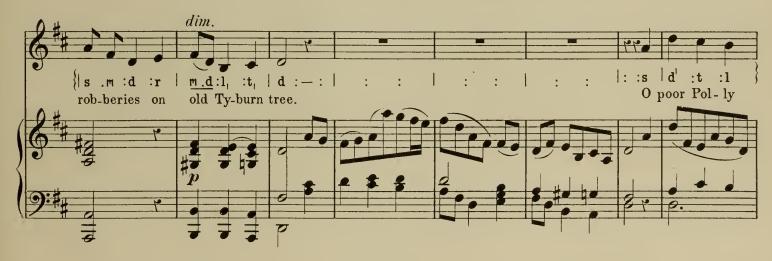


POLLY OLIVER.









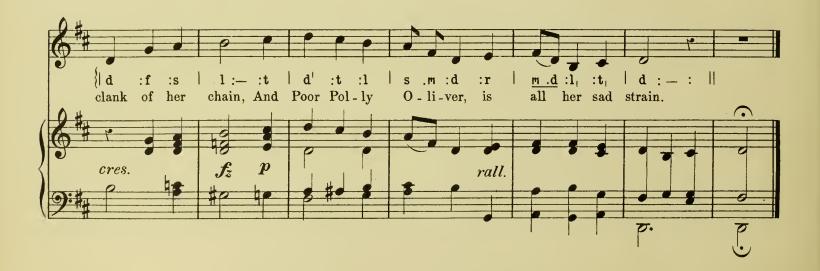


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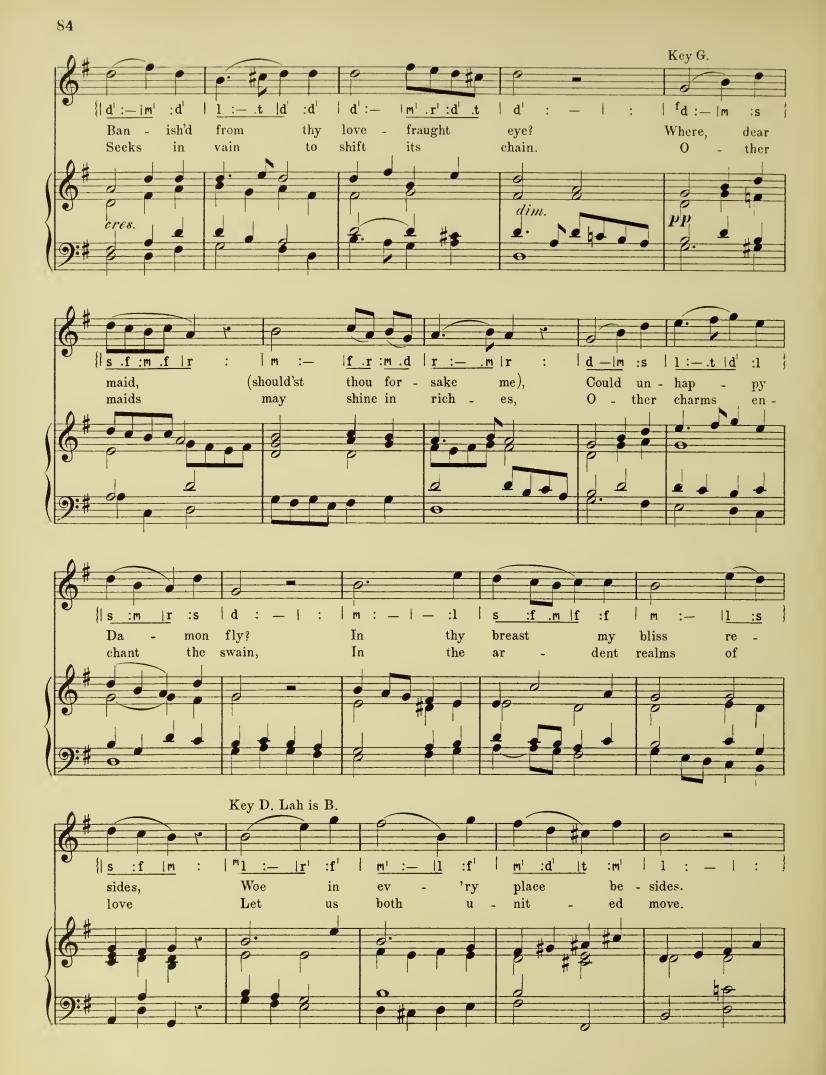






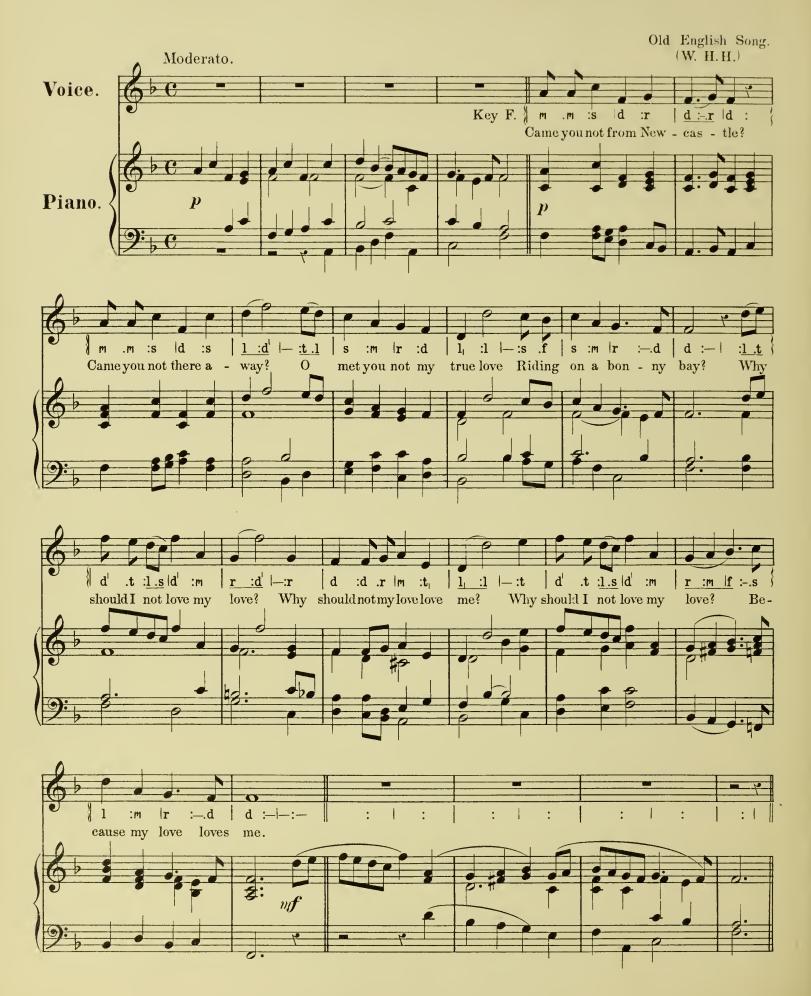
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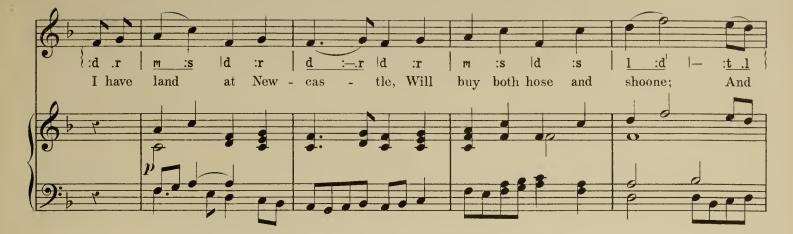




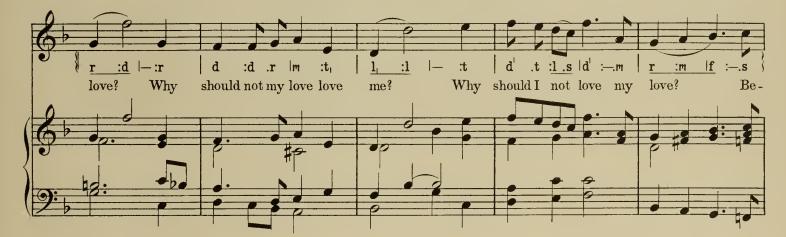


CAME YOU NOT FROM NEWCASTLE?









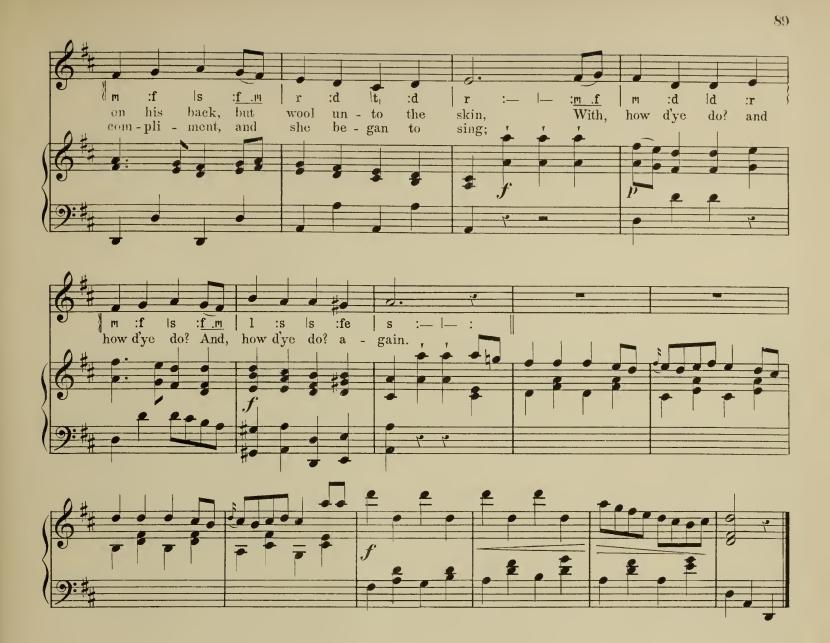


## All on a misty Morning.

Words by T. D'URFEY.

Old English Air. (H. F. S.)





3.

I told her I would married be, and she should be my bride, And long we should not tarry, and twenty things beside; I'll plow and sow and reap and mow, while thou shalt sit and spin; With, How do you do? &c.

4.

Kind Sir, I have a mother, beside a father still; These friends above all other, pray ask for their good will; For if I be undutiful to them, it is a sin; With, How do you do? &c.

5.

Her parents being willing, the parties all agreed, Her portion thirty shilling, we married were with speed; Then Will the piper he did play, the others dance and sing, With, How do you do? &c.

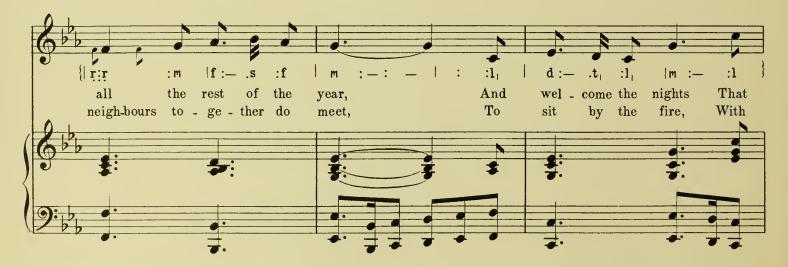
6.

Then lusty Ralph and Robin, with many damsels gay, Did ride on Roan and Dobbin, to celebrate the day; When being met together, their caps they off did fling, With, How do you do? &c. TO DRIVE THE COLD WINTER AWAY.

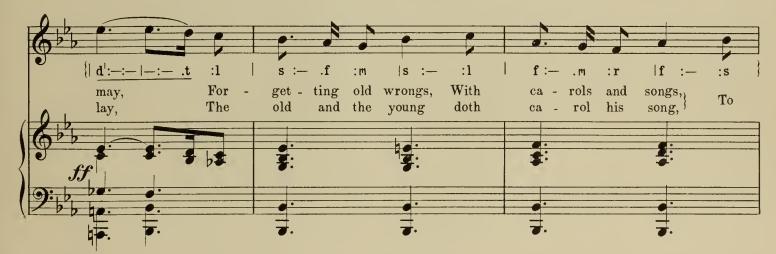














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<sup>3.</sup> 

Sweet Sisley and Nanny, more jocund than any, As blithe as the month of June,

Do carol and sing, like birds in the spring, (No nightingale sweeter in tune).

To bring in content, when summer in spent,

In pleasant delight and play,

With mirth and good cheer, to end the old year, And drive the cold winter away.

4.

The shepherd and swain do highly disdain,

To waste out their time in care,

And climof the Clough hath plenty enough

If he but a penny can spare,

To spend at the night in joy and delight,

Now after the labours of day,

For better than lands is the help of the hands To drive the cold winter away.

5.

To mask and to mum kind neighbours will come With wassails of nutbrown ale,

To drink and carouse to all in the house

As merry as bucks in the dale;

Where cake, bread and cheese, is bought for your fees, To make you the longer stay

At the fire to warm will do you no harm,

To drive the cold winter away.

#### 6.

When whitebearded frost hath threaten'd his worst,

And fallen from branch and from brier,

Then time away calls from husbandry halls

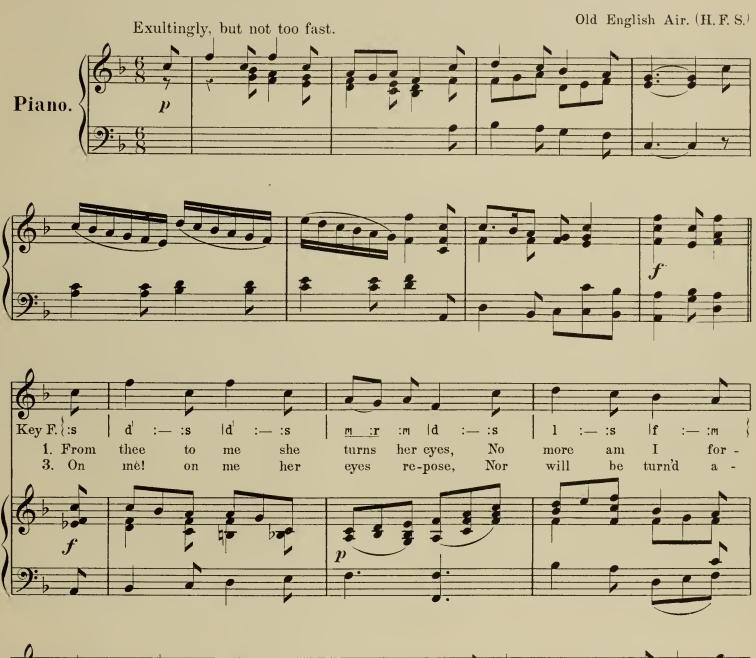
And from the good countryman's fire.

Together to go to plough and to sow, To get us both food and array;

And thus with content the time we have spent

To drive the cold winter away.

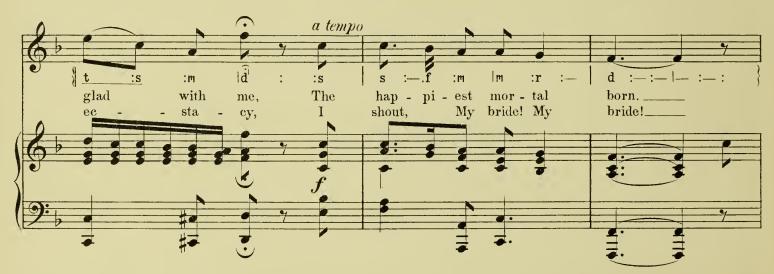
## FROM THEE TO ME SHE TURNS HER EYES.



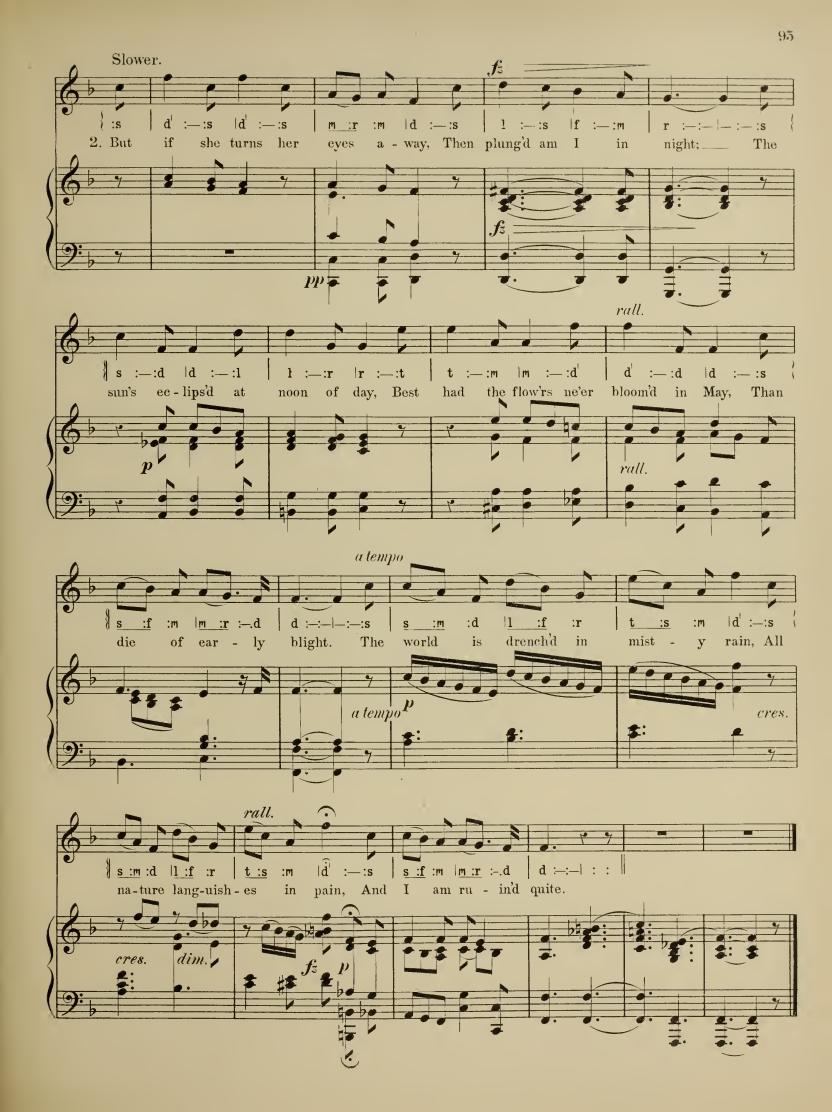




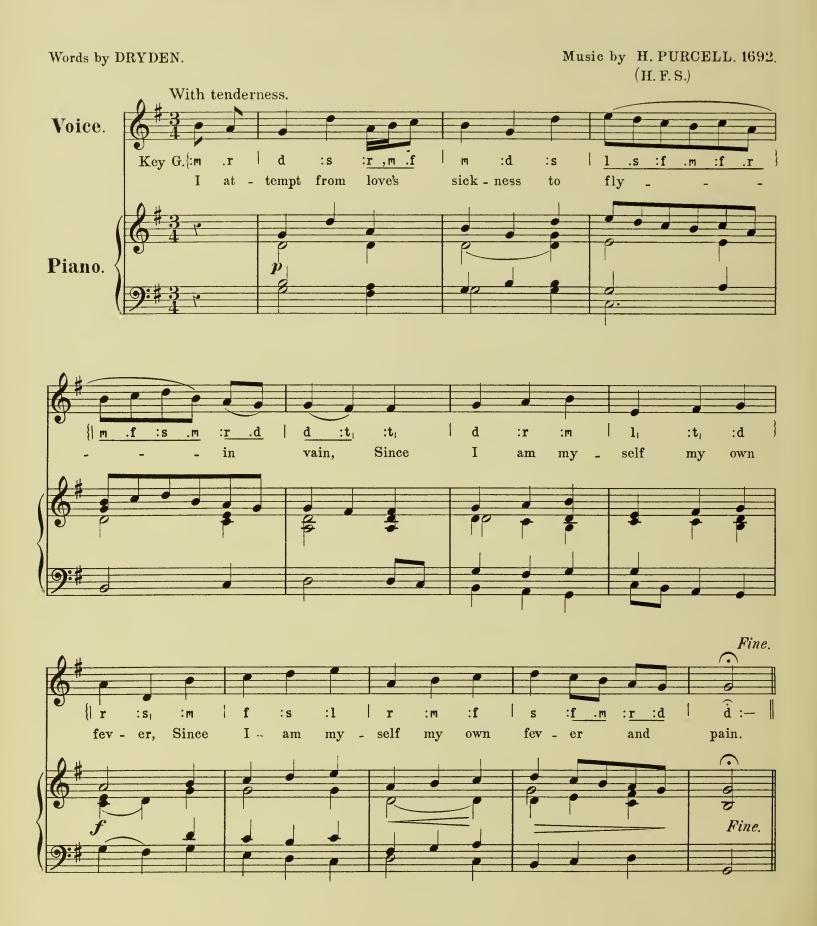




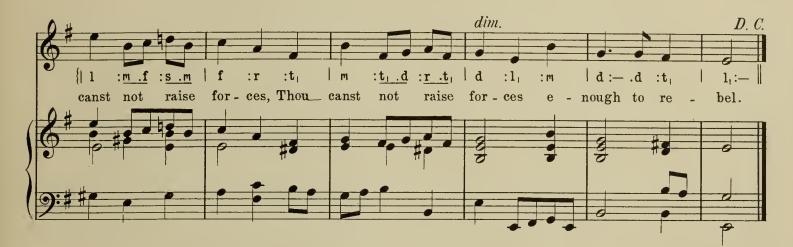


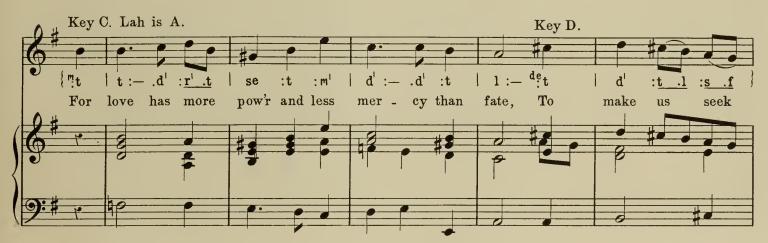


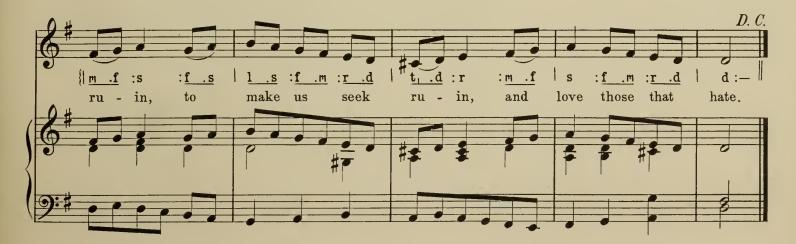
#### I ATTEMPT FROM LOVE'S SICKNESS TO FLY. From"The Indian Queen".











E VII.g.

LADY, THEE I LOVE.

Words after T. D'URFEY.

Old English (H. F. S.)



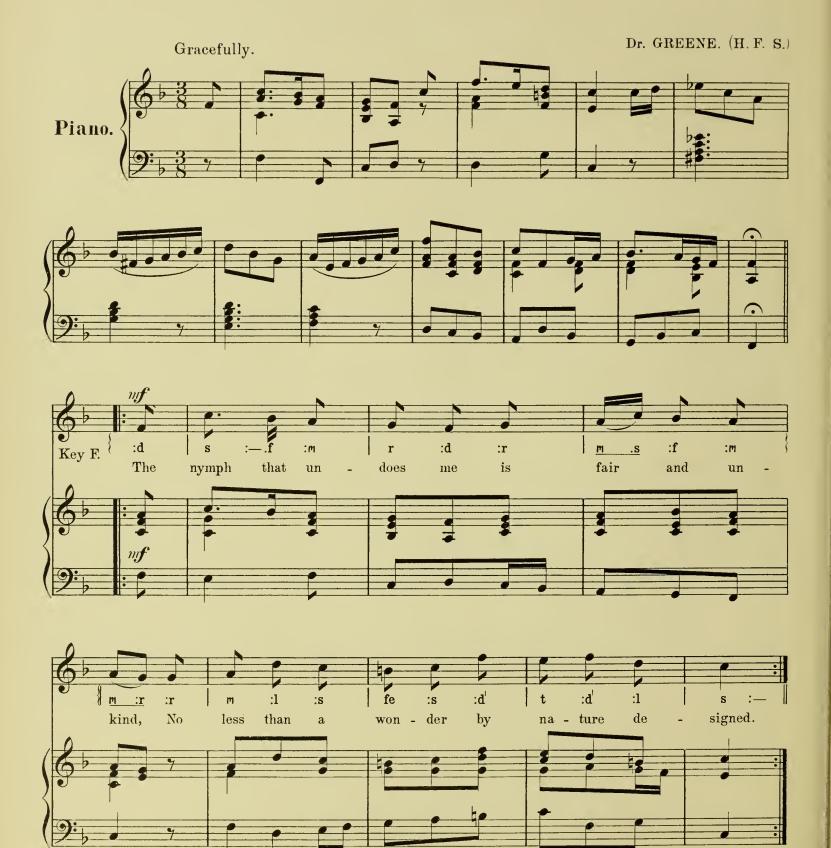




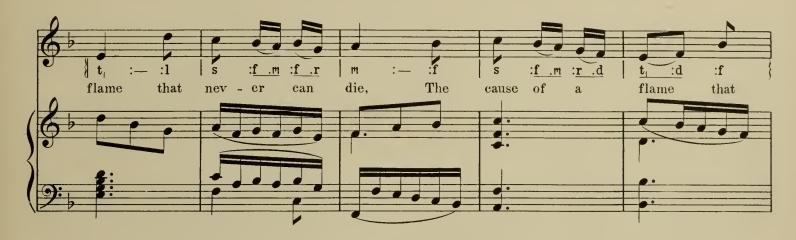


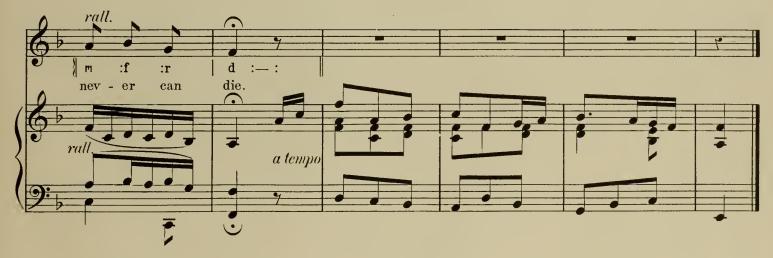
3 Winds the stoutest oak, they at last will rend it; Rains, as they distil, Even stones will drill, Bar of iron hard, fires constant bend it, So, my lovely lady, \_ hope I still.

# THE NYMPH THAT UNDOES ME.









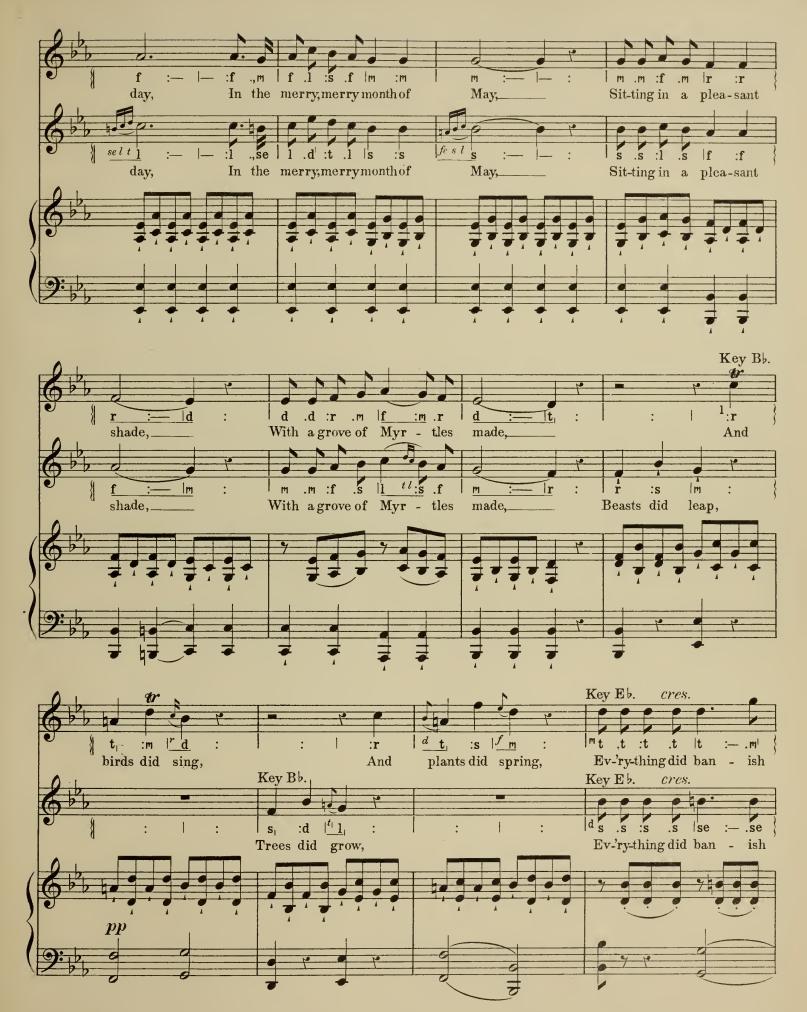
2.

Her mouth from whence wit still obligingly flows, Has the beautiful blush, and the smell of the rose; Love and Destiny both attend on her will, She wounds with a look, with a frown she can kill.

3.

The desperate lover can hope no redress, Where beauty and vigour are both in excess; In Sylvia they meet, so unhappy am I, Who sees her, must love her, who loves her must die. AS IT FELL UPON A DAY. DUET.









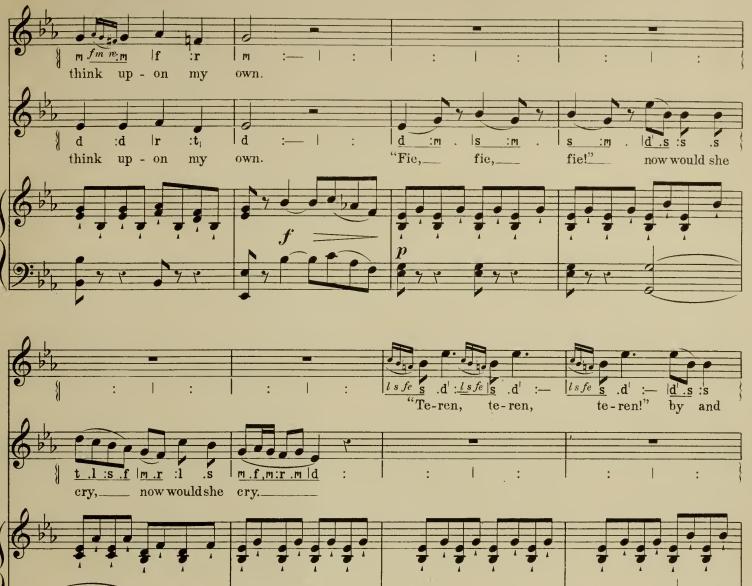


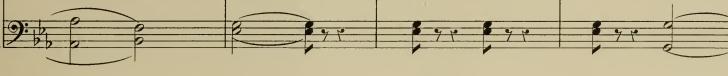






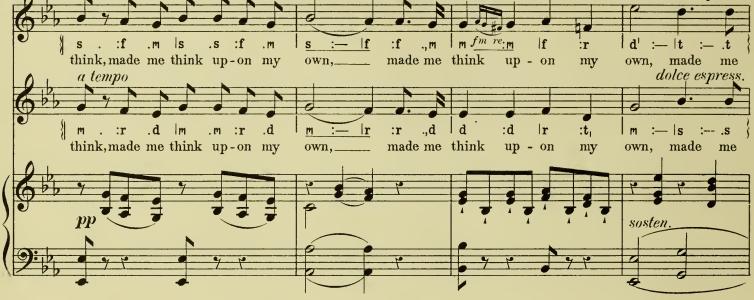




















ROOM, ROOM FOR A ROVER.



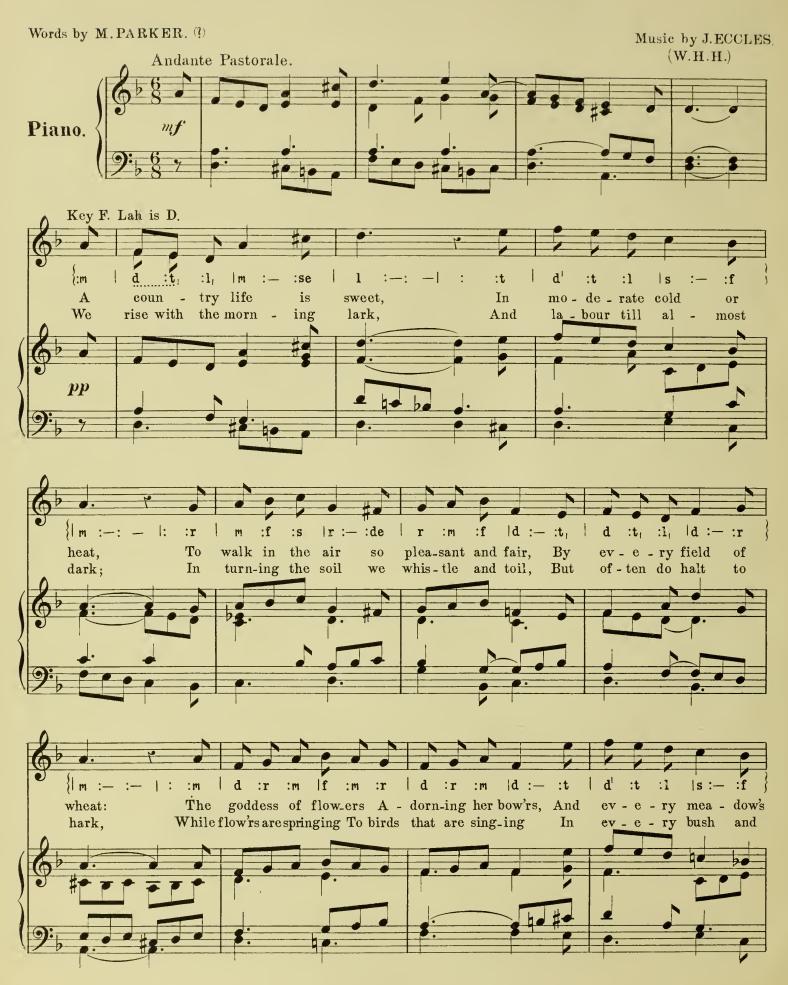


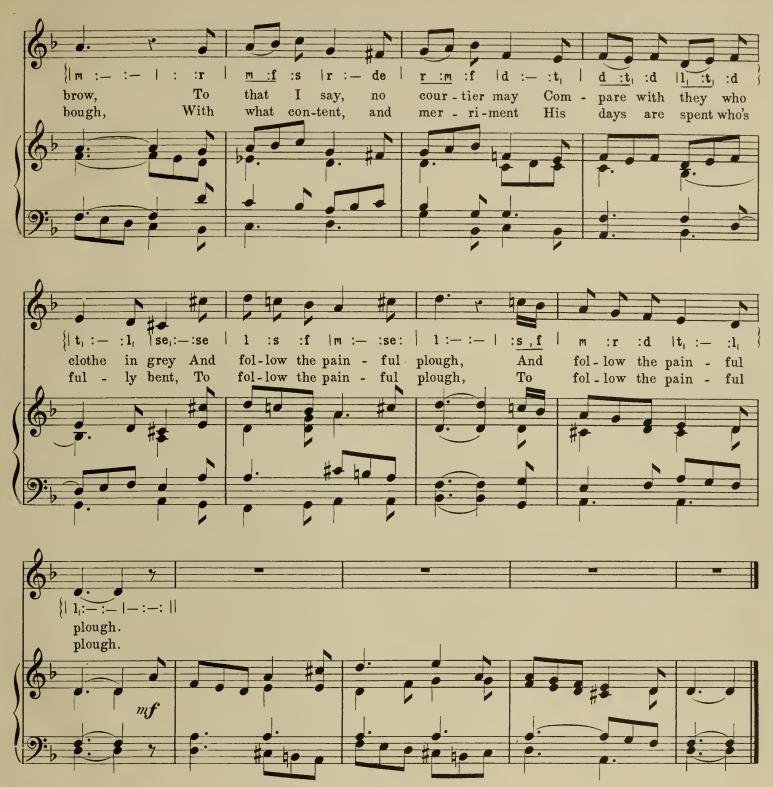




2.

Some who sat a-scowling, Cheats public to mend, Go now study bowling, To bowl out a friend! Adieu, city wranglers, The long winter's curse! Adieu, legal janglers, That plunder the purse! Whilst, etc. 3. Give me, then, a bottle, Mu-si-do-ra by, Wine warmeth the noddle, Doth all cares defy. Sol entering Aries Makes summer sweets fall, New pleasures and various, Enjoy them, sirs, all! Whilst, etc. A COUNTRY LIFE IS SWEET.





3.

The country lads repair To every wake or fair, With Sarah and Sue, Kate, Bridget and Pru, Each loving and constant pair; In seasons of leisure Thus taking their pleasure, Which innocence allow. The rural train goes over the plain, Thro' snow or rain, with speed again,

To follow the painful plough. E. VII. h. 4. The gallant that dresses so fine, And drinks his bottles of wine,

Were he to be tried, his feathers of pride, Which deck and adorn his spine,

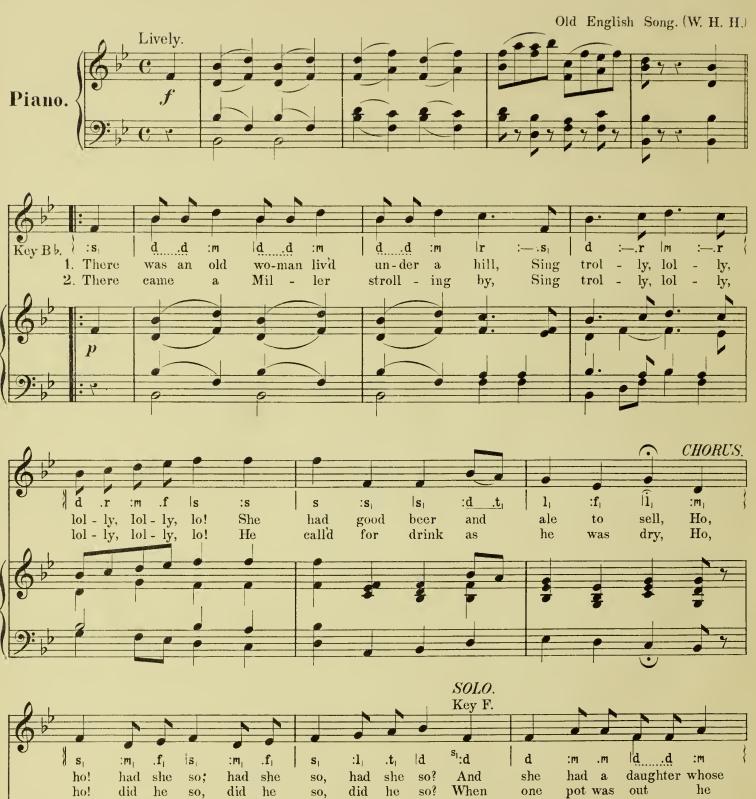
Are tailors' and mercers',

And other men dressers,

For which they will dun him now.

But Ralph and Will no compters fill,

For tailor's bill, or garment still, But follow the painful plough. THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN LIV'D UNDER A HILL.









3.

The Miller kiss'd her, away he went, Sing trolly, &c. The mother scolded, the maid content,

CHORUS. Ho, ho! was she so? &c.

He danced and sung, and the mill went clack, Sing trolly, &c.

He cherish'd his heart with a cup of old sack, CHORUS. Ho, ho! did he so? &c. 4. The parson and clerk they got their fee, Sing trolly, &c.

The Miller and Maiden spliced be,

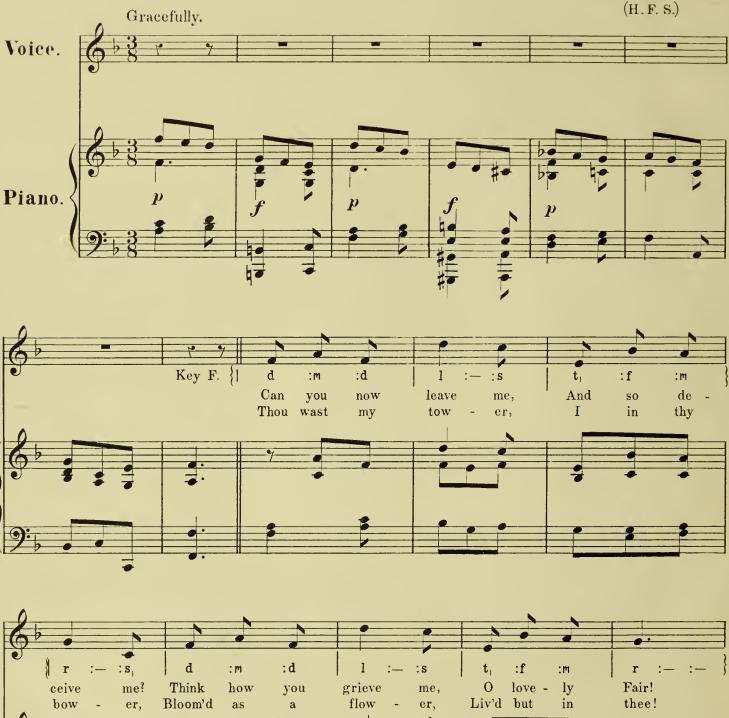
CHORUS. Ho, ho! be they so? &c.

The old mother danced and frisk'd it about Sing trolly, &c.

And when tir'd of dancing for joy did shout, CHORUS. Ho, ho! did she so? &c.

## CAN YOU NOW LEAVE ME?

Composer unknown, 1723. (H.F.S.)



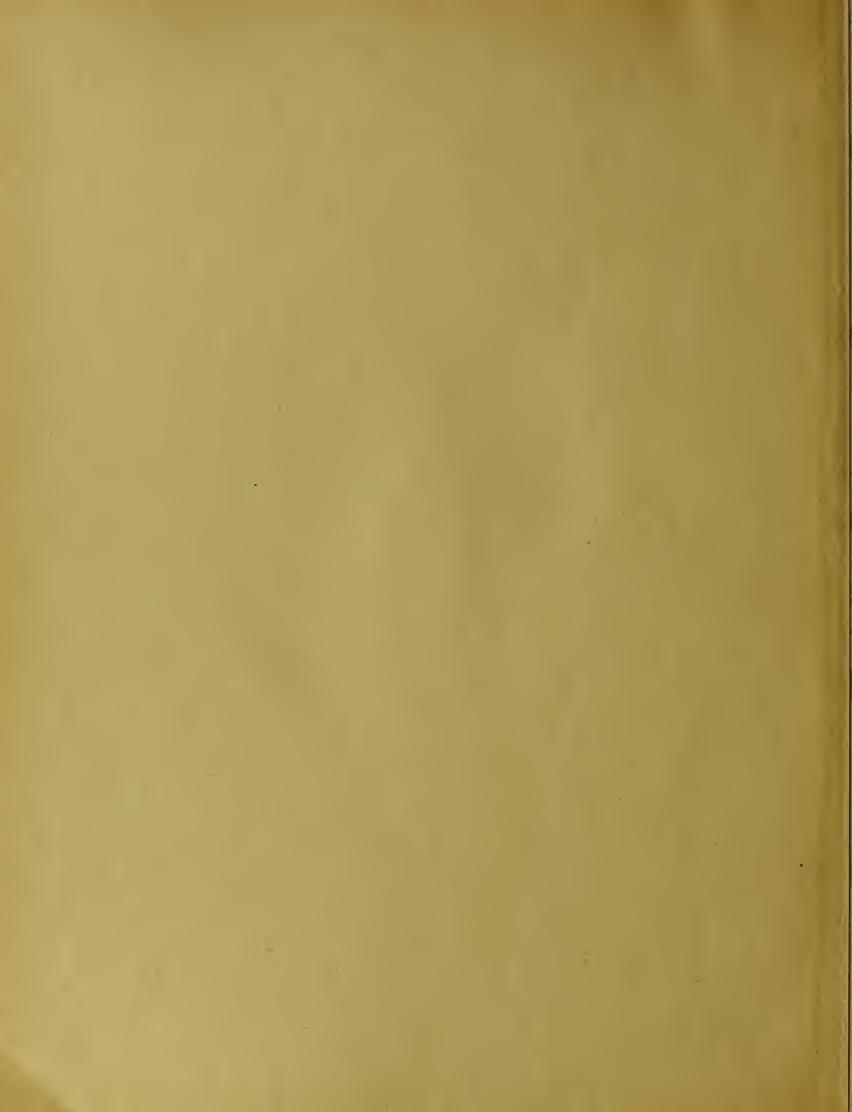












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