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45—MO CHAILIN DILEAS DONN—MY FAITHFUL AUBURN MAID.

KEY F.—*Moderato, with expression.*

(.s.) | d ,d .- : r ,m | l : s ,f | m ,d .- : l ,t ,d : - (.s.)
 Gu ma slan a chì mi mo chailin dileas donn;
 Oh, happy may I see thee, my calin deelis donn; With

{ d ,d .- : r ,m | d! : t ,d! | l ,s : m .s | l : - .d! | s ,m : s .l,t | d!d! .- : t ,d!
 Dean a' chuilein réidh air an deise 'dh' eireadh fonn, 'S i eafnud do bheòll bu bhinne leam an
 wavy auburn ringlets, and voice of sweetest tone! Thy pleasing words oft cheered me, and

{ l ,s : m .s | l : - .d! | s ,l : s ,m | l : s ,f | m ,d .- : l ,t ,d : - .
 uair bhiodh m' innseann trom, 'S tu thogadh suas mo chridh' n uair a bhiodh tu 'bruidhna rium.
 raised my heart when sad; Thy converse, like sweet music, my spirits would make glad.

Gur muladach a ta mi
 'S mi nochd air 'aird' a' chuain,
 'S neo-shunndach mo chadal dhiomh
 'S do chaidreach fada bhnam;
 Gur tric mi ort a' smaoineach,
 As d' agaibh mi triuagh;
 'Us mur a déan mi d'fhaotain
 Cha bhi mo shaughal buan.

Sùil chorragh mar an deerag
 Fo rosg a dh' iadhas dhùth;
 Gruaidean mar an caorann,
 Fo'n aodann 'tha leam ciùn;
 Mur d' aithris iad na breagan
 Gu'n d' thug mi fèin duit rùn;
 'S gur blàdhna leam gach là
 O'n uair dh'fhág mi th.

Tacan mu'n do shèil sinn
 Is ann a thoisich each
 Ri innseadh do mo chrùinneig-sa
 Nach tillinn-sa gr bràth:
 Na cuireadh sud ort gruaimean,
 A luaidh, ma bhios mi slàan,
 Cha chum dad idir uait mi
 Ach saighead chruaidh a' Bhàis.
 Tha'n t-snaim a nise ceangailte
 Gu daingeann agus teann;
 'Us their luchd na fanaid riùm
 Nach 'eil mo phrithodh ann:
 Am fear aig a' bleuit fortan,
 Tha crois aig 'n a cheann,
 'S tha misa tingeil, tolliche
 Ged tha mö sporan gann.

My heart is torn with anguish
 This night upon the sea,
 And restless are my slumbers
 Since far away from thee.
 How oft my thoughts entwine thee,
 Though absent from my view!
 And if I may not claim thee,
 My days shall be but few.

Beneath thy pencilled eyebrows
 Are eyes like berries blue,
 Thy cheeks are like the rowans
 Of red and ripest hue;
 I will confess with gladness
 That I this maid adore,—
 Each day has seemed a year
 Since we parted on the shore.

A while before we parted
 They sought to grieve thee sore,
 And said unto my maiden
 I should return no more.
 Heed not their cruel slander;
 My love, if naught betide,
 I'll come again to see thee,
 And claim thee for my bride.

The knot is tied securely
 That binds me to my dear,
 Through mocking foes are saying
 'Twill bring me little gear;
 The man who weds a fortune
 Its cross has oft to bear,
 So I am quite contented
 Although my purse be spare.

46—FUADACH NAN GAIDHEAL—THE DISPERSION OF THE HIGHLANDERS.

KEY F.—Slowly, with much feeling.

Air—"Lord Lovat's Lament."

(d.r | m : m.s | f .m : r.d | m.s : s ,l | l.s : 1.t | d' : d' ,l | l.s : m.d
 Gura mis - e tha turs - ach, a' caoith cor na duth-chas, 'S nam seann daoine cuis - eil 'bha
 I mourn for the Highlands, now drear and for - sak - en, The land of my fa - thers, the

{m.r : r.m | r : d.r | m : m.s | f .m : r.d | m.s : s ,l | l.s : m.d
 cluitteach 'us treun; Rinn uach-rain am fuadach gu fada null thar chuan-tan Am
 gal - lant and brave; To make room for the sportsman their lands were all ta - ken, And
 'S am fom a bha al - uinn chaidh chur to chaorach bhana, Tha
 Where once smiled the gar - den, rank weeds have their sta - tion, And

FINE.

{f ,s : 1.f | m.s : f.r | d : d.r | d | l.t | d' : d' ,l | l.s : m.d
 fearann chaidh thoirt napa's thoirt suas do na féidh. 'S e sud a' chnlaidh nair - e bhi
 they had to seek out new homes o'er the wave. Oh, shame on the ty - rants who
 feannagach 's a' għar - adh 's an lir - ach fo feur - deer are pre - ferr'd to a leal - hearted race.

D.S.

{m.s : s ,l | l.s : 1.t | d' : d' ,l | l.s : m.d | m.r : r.m | r
 (faic-inn dhaoine lid - ir 'Gam fuadach thar sail - e mar bharr - iach gun fleum;
 brought de - so - la - tion, Who banished the brave, and put sheep in their place,

Far an robb mórán dhaoine
 Le 'm mnathan 'us le 'n teaghlaich,
 Cha'n 'eil ach caorach-mhaola
 Ri fhaotainn 'n an lit';
 Cha 'n fháicear air a' bħmaile
 A' bhanarach le 'buaraich,
 No idir an crodh guall-fhionn
 'S am buachaillie bān.

Tha 'n uiseag anns na speurān,
 A' seinn a luinnejg gleusla,
 'S gun neach ann 'g a b-éisdeachd
 'N uair dh 'éreas i árd;
 Cha till, cha till na daqne
 Bha cridheil agus aoiibbeil—
 Mar mholl air latha gaoithe
 Chaidh 'n sgaoileadh gu brāth.

Oh! where are the parents
 And bairns yonder roaming?
 The scene of their gladness
 Is far o'er the main;
 No blithe-hearted milkmaid
 Now cheers us at gloaming;
 The herd-boy no longer
 Is seen on the plain.

The lark still is soaring,
 And sings in her glory,
 With no one to listen
 Her sweet morning lay;
 The clansmen are gone—
 But their deeds live in story—
 Like chaff in the wind,
 They were borne far away.

Gaelic words and translation by "FIONN."

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47—A' GHRUAGACH BHANAIL—THE BLYTHESOME LASSIE.

KEY A?—*Moderato.*

Air—“Bithibh aofrom 's togaibh fonn.”

SEISD—(Air a') ghrugatch tha mi'n geall,
CHORUS—Tae my lassie wake the strain;

:r .m | s .,f :m .r | d :f .m | r .r :s ,l | t .l
Coimeas dhi cha'n fhalc mi ann;
There's nae lassie like my ain;

:l ,s | s .,m :r .r | d :r .r | f .,s :l .,f | s ,m .- ||
(Air a') ghrugatch tha mi'n geall;
Light and air - y wake the strain
Maighdean għreannar a' chūil chlannaich.
Tae my bonnie blythesome lassie.

Fhir a shiùblhas greis mu thuath,
Thoir na beannachdan so bhuan,
Thun na rilhha bhail, shuaic,
Tha mu'n Chaisteal-ruadh a' fanachd.

Fhuair mi eòlas oirr 's mi òg,
'S sinn le chéile air bheag go';—
'N gaol a thug mi 'n sin do'n òigh'
Bithidh e ri m' bhed air m' aire.

'S iomadh maise agus buaidh
A tha oirre fas a suas;
Trian diulbh so cha'n fhaoi mi 'luaidh,
Ged 's i Ghàidhlig chruaidh a th' agam.

Tha a gruaidean mar na rõis;
Tha a cneas mar chanach loin;
Tha a heusau banail fòi,
'Us a còmhradh mòdhair, tairis.

'Nuair a sheinneas i an duan,
'S i le cùch a' bleoghañn bhuar,
Feumaidh smèdraich air a' bhruaich
'N ceileireadh thoirt suas ear tannull.

Ach ma 's bò mi gu Dir-daoin,
Ni mi seòl air bhi r' a taobh;
'S cinnteach mi a failt, le aoidh,
Geanalachd 'us faoilt, o'n ainnir.

Ye wha northward tak yer way,
If ye wad a kindness dae,
Bear my salutations gay
Tae my ain, my blythesome lassie.

Our first meeting weel I min',
In our youthful days langsyne,
And the love shall never crine
That I bear my blythesome lassie.

Words o' mine could never trace
A' the wondrous wealth o' grace
That bedecks the form and face
O' my bonnie blythesome lassie.

Cheeks like roses blooming bright,
Mien like canach downy white,
Speech and manners a' that's right,
O' my bonnie blythesome lassie.

When she sings her evening sang
Wi' the merry milk-maids thrang,
A' the birds, the trees amang,
Hush tae hear my blythesome lassie.

If to morrow I'm alive,
To be wi' her I will strive;
Welcome kind, when I arrive,
Waits me fræe my blythesome lassie.

48—CRUACHAN-BEANN—CRUACHAN-BEN.

KEY C.—With animation.

Air—"Brochan buirn."

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key C. The first staff starts with a treble clef and the second with an alto clef. The lyrics are in Gaelic with English translations in parentheses.

SEISD— Cruachan - beann, Cruachan - beann; Cruachan - beann, 's mó r mo thlachd dhiot;
CHORUS— Cruachan - ben, Cruachan - ben, King o' a' norlan' mountains;

Tae the lift towers its head, 'S a chuid altt Down its sides pour the fountains.

Cruachan-beann 's e cho mòr,
 Tha e sònraicht' r'a fhaicinn—
 Cha 'n eil a leithid 's an Roinn-Eòrp,
 'S geal a chòta 'n àm sneachda.

Cloinn-an-t-Saoir d'am bu dual
 'Bhi 'n ad chluaganan fasgach,
 An diugh cha'n fhac mi aon do'n àl
 'Gabhail tàum ann ad thaise.

'S iomadh lim bho 'n fhuaire iad còir
 Air a' bheinn a's bòidhech r'a faicinn;
 'S cho fad' 's a ruineas uillt gu cuan
 Bith'dh an dualchas ud aca.

An Leitir-beann chaidh m' arach òg—
 Leitir bhòidheach nam badan;
 Gheibhdeadh fiadh ann air an t-sliabh,
 'S earbag ria'ch anns gach glac dheth.

Aite's maisiche fo 'n ghréin
 Chaoidh cha lár dhemb r'a fhaicinn;
 'S bho 'n a chuir iad thu fo fhéidh,
 'S goirt mo dheur 'gabhair beachd ort.
 Soraidh 'nis le Cruachan-beann,
 'S leis gach coire 's gleann tha'n taic ris;
 'S e mo dhùrachd Cloinn-an-t-Saoir
 A bli daonnan 'n a thaise.

Noblest hill e'er I saw!
 It is grander a bantle
 Than ought Europe can show,
 When it wears its snowy mantle.

MacIntyres were the clan
 That its precincts frequentit;
 Noo there's name o' them there,
 And fu' sair I lament it.

'Twas in days o' langsyne
 Bonnie Cruachan they claimit,
 And as lang as water flows
 Still on it they'll be namit.

I was reared at Letter-ben,
 Far the grandest of onie;
 Deers and roes boundit free
 O'er its knowes green and bonnie.

I nae mair shall behold
 Spot on earth half set takin';
 But they've placed thee under deer,
 And my heart's nigh a-breakin'.
 Fare thee well, Cruachan ben!
 Every seaur, glen and fountain!
 Lang may MacIntyres be found
 Near their ain glorious mountain.

49—GILLE MO LUAIÐH—THE LAD I LOVE WELL.

KEY A.—*Moderato, beating twice in the measure.*

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff uses a soprano C-clef, and the bottom staff uses an alto F-clef. Both staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C'). The key signature is G major, indicated by three sharps (F#-A#-C#). The lyrics are written below the notes in both English and Scottish Gaelic. The first section of the lyrics is:

{:d | d.d:-:d | m :-: l, l, | l, s, i :-: s, i | s, i :-: d | l, i; s, i; l, i | d :-: d, d | r :-: -:-:
 { o! | selennidh mi duan do ghlille mo luaidh, A thàlinig mu'n cuairt an dé;
 My Harp to me bring, of my love I will sing, Who yesterday came me to see;

Ged tha thu 's an tiom glé fhada bho 'n tir
 'S am b'abhaist do d' shinnsear bhi 'n tàmh;
Tha 'n Gàidheal a'd chridh 's cha ghabh e cur
 Le uil's am bith ach am bàs. [slos.]

'S ann an Apuinn nan Stradh a thuinich do
Na Stiùbhartaich uasal ard; [shluagh,
'S ann doibh a bu dual bhi colgarra cruaidh;
Is iad nach tilleadh 's a' chàs.

Ged sgapteadh 's an uair na fàilleinean uain'
A thàinig bho shluagh nam beann,
Tha 'n spiorad mar bha, 'us bithidh gu bràth,
A' ruith anns gach àl d'an clann.

Gach lusan d'an fhraoch tha sgaipte 's an t-saoghal,
 'N uair ruigeas e taobh nam beann,
Tha smuaintean a chridh a' tilleadh gun stríth,
 A dh' ionnsaidh na tiom a bh' ann.

Mo chead leat an dràsd, O 'ille mo ghráidh,
 'Us till rinn gun dàil mu thuath;
'S gu'n cuir sinn ort falt le furan 'us àigh,
 'S le cridheachan blàth 'g a luaidh.

Tho' distant, retired from the land of thy sires,
Where they lived in the brave days of old,
The Gael from thy heart shall never depart,
Till silent and cold in the mould.

From Appin they came, in history famed,
The Stewarts of high pedigree ;
Courageous and bold when facing the foe,
They never were known to flee.

Tho' scattered have been the branches so green,
Brave sons of the mountains wild !
The spirit remains for ever the same,
Descending from parent to child.

Each sprig of the heather, that long has been
On reaching the mountain so green, [severed,
His spirit returns, and is kindled by love,
As he thinks of the days that have been

I must now bid farewell to the lad I love well :
Come back again soon to the North :
Here a welcome thou'l find, both hearty and kind,
From hearts overflowing with mirth.

50—EILIDH BHÀN—AILIE BAIN.

KEY E♭.—*Moderato.*

Air—“Buain na rainich.”*

SEISD—{ Eilidhbhàin Choire-chnàimh, Maighdean bhanall nam beus ceanail, | Eilidh bhàin Choire-chnàimh,
CHORUS—Ailie Bain o' the glen, Bonnie lassie, winsome lassie; Ailie Bain o' the glen,

FINE.

{ 1 ,s :m .l | r :r | 1 .s :m ,r | d .r :m ,d | 1 ,s :m .r | m :s
Có nach tugadh gaol dhi? Mi'n so 'maonar's manadh pòig orm | O'n uilhnaoi òig's rùn cléibh dhomh,
Wha could help but lo'e her? Here wi' lips foretok'ning kisses, Waiting dull and wearie;

D.C. for CHORUS.

{ 1 .s :m ,r | d .r :m ,d | 1 ,s :m ,l | r :r |
('S beag an t-ioghnadh caint mo chridh bhi “Greas a nios ort, éud - ail!”
‘Tis nae wonder my heart's wish is— Quickly come, my dear - ie.

Gaoil gach gille, clùi gach fillidh,
Tuath ne deas gu'n téid mi—
Na 'm b'fhearr-dhan mi mar a b' hill team
Gu là bhràth bhioidh sgeul ort.
Eilidh bhàin, &c.

Gun dad fasgaidh ach mo bhreacan,
‘S mo lamh dheas mu d' chaoil-chrios,
Sud mar fhuaair mi 'n oideche 's buaine
Tric ro-luath 'g ar sgeulicadh.

Ged tha fear-a'-Bhlàrighe, thall ud,
‘S ciadan eile 'n déigh ort,
‘S leam-sa, neothar-thaing doibh nile,
Gaoil us furan m' éudail!

‘S truagh nach b'ann an nochd, a leannain,
Dh' òlar deoch na réite;
‘N sin le 'r gairm, gu Cill-a'-Mhunna
Cha bu ruith ach leum team.

A' the lads are daft about ye ;
A' the bardies praise ye ;
Were I ane myself, I doubt na
I'd gang rhymin' crazy.
Ailie Bain, &c.

On the cauld nichts the' my plaidie
Sheltered us but sparsely,
Yet my partin' frae beside ye
Seem'd tae come owre early.

What, tho' monied cuifs endeavour
Wi' their gowd tae lure ye,
True tae me yer heart beats ever ;
Ne'er shall they secure ye.

Would this e'enning saw them risin'
Frae our bottling, Ailie ;
Tae Kilmun tae put the cries in
I wad trip it gaily.

Gaelic words by EVAN MAC COLL. Translation by MR M. MAC FARLANE

* This air is extremely popular, and ever associated with a Fairy Song, of which the following is a fragment—

Tha mi sgith 's mi leam fhìn,
Buain na rainich, buain na rainich ;
Tha mi sgith 's mi leam fhìn,
Buain na rainich daonnan.

Cùl an tomain, bràigh an tomain,
Cùl an tomain bhoidhlich ;
Cùl an tomain, bràigh an tomain,
H-uile làtha'm ònar.

51—MO NIGHEAN DONN—MY BROWN MAID.

KEY F.—*With spirit.*

FINE.

SEISU—
Their mi hó,
robha hó,
Let's be go -
ing, Mo nigh'n donn.
CHORUS—Singing hó
ro - va hó,
Let's be go -
ing, Mo neen donn.

D.C. for CHORUS.

S mithich dhòmh-sa dol
"Tis time to go
dachaidh, Tha mi
homeward, Far too
fad' air mo
long was my
chéilidh, Mo nigh'n donn.
sojourn, My neen donn.

'S mór gruaman na h-iarmait,
'S gaoth an iar a' cruaidh-shéideadh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na tonnan 's a' ghàraich,
'Tigh'n gu tràigh le greann cùtidh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na eithean trom sneacha
'Dall-ghleachd anna s' speurlaibh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na h-uillt le dearg-rànaich
'Sgubadh sgàrnach nan slèibhteann,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na craobhan móir, miarach,
As am friamhach, 'g an reubadh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha eòin bhùchain nan cluainean
Leis an umhas 'g an léireadh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

'S eòin bheagan na coille
Gob, 's an doire, fò'n sgéithe,
Mo nigh'n donn.

'S bochd muallan nan aighean
Air na sràithean lom glé-heal,
Mo nigh'n donn.

'S truagh mise 'n tir Oisein
'S mi gun soistinn m'm' eudail,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Far an d' fhág mi mo leannan,
Maighdean channahc na fèille!
Mo nigh'n donn.

Gloomy low'rs the dark welkin;
Fierce the west wind is blowing.
Mo neen donn.

Roll the crested waves hoary
To the shore with weird moaning.
Mo neen donn.

From the heavens, blind striving,
Fall the driving white snowflakes.
Mo neen donn.

Loud bellow the fountains
Down the mountain side pouring.
Mo neen donn.

See, the branching high oaktrees
On the snow are stretched lowly.
Mo neen doon

Hear the birds of the meadows
In their terror chirp doleful.
Mo neen donn.

In the woods the sweet singers
Under wing their heads stow them.
Mo neen donn.

Hear the cows on the meadows
Standing plaintively lowing.
Mo neen donn.

In the land of old Ossian
My sad loss I'm deploring.
Mo neen donn.

Where I left her, my dear one,
My own peerless adored one.
Mo neen donn.

52—EILEAN AN FHRAOICH—THE ISLE OF THE HEATHER.

KEY B7.—*Boldly, beating twice in the measure.*

SEISD. { A chi - all nach mis e bha'n Ell-ean an Fhraoich, Nan fladh nam brad-an, nam fead-ag, 's nan naosg;
CHORUS. I wish I were now in that Isle of the sea, The Isle of the Heather, and happy I'd be;

{: l, | d : - t; l, | s, : m, : s, | m : - r : d | d : - : d, r | m : - d : l, | l, : s, : m, | s, : d : l, | s, : - |

{: m, | s, : l, : s, | s, : l, : s, | m : r : d | r : - : d, r | m : m : s | m : - r, m | d : r : t, | l, : - |

{ Nan lochan, man bhan, man osan 's nan caol—Eilean inn-is nam bò, 's aite cùmhnuidh nan laoch.
With deer in its mountains, and fish in its rills, Where heroes have lived 'mong its heath-cover'd hills.

An t-Eilean ro mhaiseach,
Gur paitt ann am biadh;
'S e Eilean a's hill air 'n
Do dhealaich a' ghrían;
'S e Eilean mo ghraidihs'e,
Bha 'Gháidhlig ann riabhach;
'S cha 'n fhálbh i gur bráth
Gus an tráigh an cuan siar!

'N am éiríodh na gréine
Air a shléibhthíl bith'dh ceó,
Bith'dh a' bhuaranach ghuanchach
S a' buanach 'n a dorn
Ri gabhail a duanaig
'S i cuallach nam bò,
'S mac-talla nan creag
Ri toirt freagairt d' a céil.
Air feasgar an t-Samhráidh
Bith'dh sunnd air gach spréidh;
Bith'dh a' chuthag 'us fonn oirr'
Ri dran di fhéin;
Bith'dh uiseag air lón
Agus smeoibrach air géig,
'S air cnúic glas'us leoidean
Uain òga ri leum.

Na'm faighinn mo dhùrrachd
'S e 'lugainn bhi òg,
'S gun ghothach aig aois riuum
Fhad's a dh' fhaodhinn bhi bed,
Bhi 'n am bhuauchall' air airdridh
Fo sgàil nam beann mór'
Far am faighinn an eis'
'S bainne-blath air son òl.

Cha 'n fhacas air talamh
Leam sealladh a's boidhich
Na 'ghrian a' dol slos
Air taobh siar Eilean Leòghas;
'N crodh-laoith anns an luachair,
'S am buachaill' 'n an tòir
'G an tional gu mìridh
Le àl de laoigh òg'.

This dearest of Isles
Is so fertile and fair,
That no other island
May with it compare;
Here Gaelic was spoken
In ages gone by,
And here it will live
Till the ocean runs dry.

At dawning of day
When there's mist on the hill,
The milkmaids go skipping
By fountain and rill;
When milking their cattle
They raise a sweet song,
And softly the echoes
The chorus prolong.

The notes of the cuckoo
Are welcomed in May,
And the blackbird sings blithe
'Mong the silvery spray;
The lark and the mavis
Pour forth their sweet lay,
While the lambs in the meadows
Are sprightly at play.

Could I get my wish,
And be once more a boy,
I'd thither return
And its pleasures enjoy,
A shepherd, to wander
O'er heather-clad hills,
And drink a cool draught
From its bright mountain rills.

There ne'er was a picture
More lovely to see,
Than the sun as he sinks
In the blue western sea,
When homeward the cattle
Are wending their way,
And all things are still,
At the close of the day.

87—A' MHAIGHDEAN ÀLUINN—THE PEERLESS MAIDEN.

KEY G. *Moderato, beating twice in the measure.*

Air—"Slàn gu 'n till na Gaidheil ghasda."

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are in English. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are in Gaelic. The lyrics are as follows:

SEISD. { Seinn-eam duan a nis do'n mhaigh-dinn A tha aoiibh - eil, cridh - eil, caolimhn-eil;
CHORUS. Sing the prais - es o' my dear - ie, Aye sae win - ning, blithe, and cheer - ie;

{ | l : - : d | r : - : r | m : - : d | r : - : d | l : - : l | l : - : l | l : s : f | m : - : s
{ | l : - : r | r : - : m | r : d : l | s : - : s | l : - : l | d : - : r | f : - : m | r : - : ||
{ 'S lion-mhor fear a bheir-eadh oigh-reachd, Air son roinn de ghradh a cridh'.
In her pres - ence wha wad wear - ie? For her a' wad rich - es gi'e.

Tha mo leannan dreachmhòr, dìreach,
'Us 'n a glasad socair, slobhailt';
Chia 'n eil maighdean anns an sgìreachd
"Thig a nlos riut ann an gnolomb.

'S ann fo sgàile nam beann-àrda
Dh' fhas an ribhinn a thà àluinn;
Labhraidh i gu blasda Ghàidhlig,
'Chainnt a' fearr a thà a' ghàth.

Dh'fhas i suas mar shòbhraig bhàidhlich,
Modhail, màlда mar an neimhein;
Cha d' fhuar amaideachd no góraich'
Aite-comhnaidh riambh 'n a cridh'.

Tha mo ghaol-sa cridheil, cèdmhòr—
Có 'n a cuideachd a bhiodh brònach?
'N air a theannas i ri dràin
Faodaidh 'n smèòrach a bhi bith.

Falt a cinn 'n a dhulan òrdail;
Dheth cha 'n ioghnadh i 'bhi spòrsail;
Ceum gu bràth nach dochainn feòirnein;
Meòir a's bòidhche air an sgrìobh.

Cha 'n eil maighdean anns an dhùthach
'Tha cho measail no chò chlipeach;
'S ionadh h-aon a thug dhuit umhlachd,
'Us a lùb dhuit anns gach nì.

O'n a chuir mi fhéin ort èdëas,
'S tric a bha sinn cridheil comhla;
Ach tha mis' an drugh a'm bñar
Dubhach, brònach, 'us thu 'n dhith.

'S ged a tha mi fad' air faontradhl
Thall 's a bhos air feadh an t-saoghal,
Air mo spéis dhuit cha tig cochlachd;
Thug mi gaol dhuit 'bhios gun chrioch.

In her figure, straight and slender;
In her manner, kind and tender;
Nature's self could hardly mend her;
In her movements, neat and free.

She was reared among the Hielans,
Land o' crofts and summer shielins;
How it charms and warms the feelins
When she Gaelic speaks tae me.

Like the daisy bloomin' bonny;
Like the primrose lo'ed by mony;
She grew fairer far than ony
And nae menseless ways had she.

When she sings there's name sings sweeter;
E'en the mavis canna beat her:—
Wha'd be dowie ga'in tae meet her?
Wha could pairt frae her wi' glee?

Doun her gracefu' shouters flowing,
Her rich curls are golden glowing:
Scarce her footstep, lightly going,
Bends the flow ret on the lea.

Liked by ilka aue comes near her:
And the langer kenn'd the dearer;
North or south there's name can peer her;
And she's a' the warld tae me.

Though afar frae her I wander,
On my dear aue still I ponder;
Ilka day but makes me fonder—
Love like mine can never die.

From the day when first I met her,
My desire has been to get her;
Come what may, I'll ne'er forget her
Until death shall close my e'e.

38—NA LAITHEAN A DH'AOM—THE GAY DAYS OF YORE.

KEY B. Beating twice in the measure.

Air—"Robi donn gòrach."

D.C.

{: d | r | m :-r : d | d :-l; s; | s; :-l; d | r :-d.r | m :-r : d | d :-l; s; | s; :-l; d | d :-
 (Tha na siantan air caochadh, tha
 The storm has subsided, the
 saoghal fo sprochadh. Clur an doineann fhuar, shiladhach an ianaidh 'n an t-ean;
 world is oppressed, All hushed by the tempest, the birds seek their nest;
 Tha sneachda tróim, dhomhail a'
 comhdach nam beann, A' lionadh nan glacan, 's a' tacadh nan alt,
 The Ben is enwrapped in a
 mantle of snow, Con - sealing the streams, and im - peding their flow:

Rallentando.

{: m.r | d | m : s | d | m : s | l : s:m | r :-s.f | m :-r : d | d :-l; s; | s; :-l; d | d :-
 ('S mise 'feitheamh an alsig aig carraig a' choail, Ri smaointeann air àbhachd nan laithean a dh'aom.
 A - waiting the ferry, I sit by the shore, And silently muse on the gay days of yore.

Ann an laithean ar n-bige
 Dol 'n comhdach an t-slaigh,
 Cha sheall sinn ach faoin
 Air mar dh' aomas iad 'máinn;
 Cha tig e 'n ar smaointeann
 Cho goirid 's tha 'n dàil,
 Gus am bruchd oirrin gach león
 Ni ar lùbadh gu lar,
 Gun chàhran gun eislein,
 Aig teumadh ait taobh,
 Air laithean a' snig 'uainn
 Gun àireamh air aon.

'N uair a luidheas an aois oirnn
 'S a dh' aognas ar sruadh,
 Ar ciabhl dol 'an tainead,
 Agus smal air an gnuaidh,
 Bith'dh tengmailbhan nan comhlan
 A' comhradh gu truagh,
 Agus càirdean ar n-bige
 Air sòmhlaibh 's an uaigh;
 'S ann an sin bhios ar cridhe
 Lan mulaid 'us gaoid,
 Ri smaointeann air àbhachd
 Nan laithean a dh' aom.

O! Ard-Righ na cruinne,
 Ceann-nidhe ait dàil,
 Air an t-sneachda fliuch fhionnar
 Dhuit a lùbas mi glèn;
 'S guileam gu'n òrduish
 Thu dhòmh-sa gu glic,
 'Bhi 'cuimhneachadh d'òrdugh
 Gu h'umhal 's gu tric,
 Chum 'n uair chroichnaicheas m' astar
 Ann an glacaibh an Aoig,
 Nach cuimhnich thu m' fhailinn
 Anns na laithean a dh' aom.

In bright days of childhood
 With free buoyant heart,
 We think not how swiftly
 The seasons depart,
 How soon comes the time
 When our health may decay,
 And softly we'll slumber
 Beneath the cold clay;
 All heedless we count not
 The years as they fly,
 Nor days that unnumbered
 Pass silently by.

In the gloaming of life,
 When age furrows the brow,
 Our locks getting thinner,
 And white as the snow,
 When this world's cold friendship
 Is sad to behold,
 And the friends of our youth
 Are asleep 'neath the mould,
 Then, our heart filled with sorrow,
 Is sick to the core,
 As we mournfully muse
 On the gay days of yore.

Almighty Creator!
 My hope is in Thee;
 On this snowy pathway
 I now bend the knee;
 O, teach me Thy statutes
 And guide me always,
 And let me remember,
 Thy precepts each day,
 That, sleeping in Death,
 When Life's journey is o'er,
 The faults of my youth
 Thou'lt remember no more.

39—OIGFHEAR A CHUIL-DUALAICH—LADDIE WITH THE GOLDEN HAIR.

KEY A. *Moderato.*



SEISD. { A { s, | l, . d : r . m | r , d . s, : l, . l, | d , l, : l, . s, | m : m .
fleasg-aich an fhult chraobh-aich chais,
Oig - fir a' chuil dual - aich;
CHORUS. Oh! lad - die with the gol - den hair, In wa - vy ring - lets flow - ing;



{ s | l . r : r . d | r , r : m . r | r , d . l, : s, . s, | l, : l . ||
A { fheasgaich big an dir-fhult chais, Gur li do mhais' a bhuaир mi.
Oh! lad - die with the gol - den hair, Thy looks were my un - do - ing.

Mheall thu, mheall thu, mheall thu mi;
Do bhòidhichead a bhuaир mi;
Us gheall thu dhòmh's air iomadh dòigh
Gu'm biodh do stòras buan domh.

Is truagh nach robh mi 'us mo ghaol
An lsgan an fhraoch uaine,
S' ged laidhinn tinn, gu'n éirinn slán,
'S mo làmh 'bhi fo d'chìl dualach.

O, gur mise 'tha gu tinn,
'Us falt mo chino air fuasgladh,
'S gun fhios a'm fhéin ciod e'n cion-fath
"Thug duhuis", a ghràidh, bhi'n gruaim riùm.

N'a'm biodh agam boineid dhù-ghorm
'S ite mhòlach uaine,
'S mi gu'n rachadh leat, a ghaoil,
Do shèòmar nan daoin'-uaisle.

Bith'dh tu aig banais agus "bàl,"
A' mènran ris gach gruaigaich,
'S bith'dh mise 'n sù air chil gach mòis
'S do chàirdean ann an gruaim riùm.

B' òg a thug mi dhuit mo ghaol,
Ged nach d'rinn mi 'bhuanachd,
'S an t-snacim a cheangail sinn gu teann,
I air gach ceann air fuasgladh.

Thy beauty drew my heart to thee,
But now I am deceivèd;
The promises you gave to me
My too fond heart believèd.

Oh! would I were in yonder glen,
Now roaming with my deary;
My heart would wake to joy again,
Though now 'tis sad and dreary.

My locks untended loosely flow,
My spirits are dejected;
In vain I try the cause to know
Why thou hast me neglected.

If dressed in silks or satins rare,
Although of lowly station,
I'd to thy stately halls repair,
And face each proud relation.

At balls or weddings thou art prone
To flirt with many a maiden,
While I, despised, must sit alone,
My heart with sorrow laden.

The love we plighted in the glade
I thought would fail us never;
The knot we tied, the vows we made,
I fear are loosed for ever.

40—AM FONN—THE MELODY.

KEY G.—*Moderato, with feeling.*

Air—“An nochd gur faoin mo chadal dhomh.”

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, the second with an alto clef, and the third with a bass clef. The lyrics are provided in both English and Gaelic, with the English text appearing below the first two staves and the Gaelic text appearing below the third. The lyrics describe a childhood memory of hearing a song and its connection to the singer's mother.

English Lyrics:

Oh! siod am fonn a chual-a mi An uair a bha mi òg,
Oh! that's the air I heard long since, In childhood's happy day,
Mi'n When,

Elain ri uehd mo mhàthar S mo chridhe 'snàmh'n a céil; 'S n' uair 'chuala mi a rithist e Aig
folded to my mother's breast, My soul drank in her lay; A-gain, when round my father's cot, I

Sighinn ghil nam bò, Gu'n thàil-eidh i mo chridhe leis 's mi mireag-ach mu'n chrò.
Frisked a sportive boy, Full oft the milkmaid waked the strain, And thrilled my soul with joy.

Gaelic Words:

Bu tric o sin 'g a chlàistean mi,
Mu eadradh ard-thra uinid,
'S mi beadhadh, air an àirdidh,
Ri mo Mhàdiri àillidh big;

No feadh nan glaca faileanta
'S an tìraladh dhùinn, gun ghd,
Bhi coinneachadh, gu mánranach,
Fo sgàilean Choill-nan-cò.

Ach b' eigin dhòmhs' an àirdidh
Agus Mairi 'chur air clù,
'Us siubhal fad' o'n hùte sin
'S an robh mo ghàrrdh 'us m' tigh,
A sheasamh anns na blàrach
'N agaighda nàmhàidean ar dòthch':
'S an lìtha dh' fhig mi 'n Bràighe,
Righ! bu chriàthanach m' aigne brùit'!

O! siod am fonn a chuala mi,
'S a chuaileanaich mu 'n chridh',
A' tric a dhùisg dhomh sealladh
Air me leannan 's air mo thir;
An tair a bhithinn airnealach
'N am chairtealan, le sgios,
Gu 'n taisligeadh e m'anam
'N nair a chanainn e leam fhìn!

Ach thog am fonn an tràth-so dhomh
Flath càrrain agus bròin;
Oir dhùisg e lombhaig Mairi
'Us mo mhàthar, 's iad fo'n fhòid;
Gach caochladh agus stràch
'Thàinig air na Gàidheil chòir,
O'n am 's 'n a bhual an dàn ud mi
Le gràdh, 'n uair 'bha mi òg!

And oft since then I've heard its notes
With rapture fill the ear
At noonday in the sheltering, when
My Mary lifted near;
Or when, in evening's peaceful calm,
Our steps together strayed,
With song and artless gaiety,
Adown the scented glade.

But cruel Fate at length decreed
That I should wander far
From Mary and my kindred dear,
To fill the ranks of war—
My country's rightful cause to stand
Against a foreign foe:
That day I left the glen I loved,
What words could tell my woe!

Again I've felt its moving tones
Around my heart entwine,
Awakening thoughts of home and love,
And joys that once were mine,
When, far away 'mid other scenes,
I thought of bygone years,
And hummed it o'er with melting heart
And eyes bedimmed with tears.

But when I hear it now, it wakes
Sad thoughts within my breast;
It minds me of my mother,
And my Mary, now at rest;
The evils that befall our land,
The wrongs my country bore,
Since first I heard that melody
In the happy days of yore.

41—EALAIDH GHAOIL—A MELODY OF LOVE.

KEY D.—*Lively.*

(Gur gil - e mo leann - an na'n cal' air an t-snamh Na cobb - ar na
Not the swan on the lake, or the foam on the shore, Can com - pare with the
SEISD-Air faill - ir - inn, ill - ir - inn, will - ir - inn, o, Air faill - ir - inn,
CHORUS-Air fal - yer - in, eel - yer - in, ool - yer - in, o, Air fal - yer - in,

{d : d | r : r . m | r : m . s | l : s . m | r : m . f | s : m . r
{tuinn - e, 's e till - eadh gu triagh, Na'm blath - bhainn - e bual - e, 's a'
charms of the maid I a - dore; Not so white is the new milk that
ill - ir - inn, ill - ir - inn, o, Air faill - ir - inn, ill - ir - inn,
eel - yer - in, ool - yer - in, o, Air fal - yer - in, eel - yer - in,

D.C. for CHORUS.

{l : t . d | r' : l . t | d' : t . l | s : l . d | l : s . m | r
{chuaich leis fo bhàrr, No sneachdan gleann dos - rach 'g a throis - eadh mu'n bhilar.
flows o'er the pail, Or the snow that is shower'd from the brow of the vale,
ill - ir - inn, o, Gur bòidh - each an com - um 'th'aig coimhinn 'n t-Srath - mhòir.
ool - yer - in, o, How joy - ons the meet - ing con - vealed at Strath - more.

Mar na neibh bhuidhe 'lubas
Air stàcaibh nan siabhi,
Tha cas-fhailt mo rùin-sa
Gu siùhlach a' suiomh;
Tha 'gruaidh mar an ròs
'N nair a's bòidhche 'bhios 'fhamh
Fo ur-dheal a' Chéitein
Mu'n éirich a' ghrìan.

Mar Venus a' boisgeadh
Thar choilltibh nae ard,
Tha 'mlog - shuil 'g am bhuaireadh
Le suaicheantas gràidh.
Tha 'bràighe nan seud

Annn an éideadh gach àigh,
Mar ghealach nan speur
'S i' cur reultan fo phrämh.

Bith'dh 'n niseag 's an smèoibrach,
Feadh lòintean an drìuchd,
'Toirt fuithe le'n òrain
Do'n og-mhaduinn chìùin;

Ach bith'dh 'n uiseag neo-shèolta,
'S an smèoibrach gun sunnd,

'N nair a thòisicheas m' endail

Air gleusadh a cùil.

'N nair thig samhradh nan nedòinean

A' comhdach nam bruach,

Bith'dh gach eòinean s'a' chròchd-choilidh

A' ceil leis a' chnuach;

'S bith'dh misse gn h-éibhinn

A' leumachaibh s'a' ruraig

Fo dhùlth-gheugaibh sgàileach,

A' manran ri m' luaidh.

As the clouds yellow wreath
On the mountain's high brow,
So the locks of my fair one
Redundantly flow.
Her cheeks have the tint
That the roses display
When they glitter with dew
In the morning of May.

Like the planet of Venus,
That gleams o'er the grove,
Her blue rolling eyes
Are the symbols of love.
Her pearl-circled bosom
Diffuses bright rays,
As the moon when the stars
Are bedimmed with her blaze.

The mavis and lark,
At the breaking of dawn,
Make a chorus of joy
To resound through the lawn;
But the mavis is tuneless—
The lark strives in vain,
When my beautiful charnaer
Renews her sweet strain.

When summer bespangles
The landscape with flowers,
And the thrush and the cuckoo
Sing soft in their bowers,
Through the wood-shaded windings
With Bella I'll rove,
And feast unrestrained
On the smiles of my love.

First verse and chorus by Mrs. MAC KENZIE, Ball'-an-Roin; remainder, and translation, by the late EWEN MAC LACHLAN.

42—GABHAIDH SINN AN RATHAD MÓR—WE WILL TAKE THE HIGHWAY.

KEY A.—*Lively, with marked time.*

SEISD— Gabhaidh sinn an rathad móir,
CHORUS—We will take the good old way,

Gabhaidh sinn an rathad móir; Gabhaidh sinn an rathad móir
We will take the good old way, We will take the good old way, The

FINE.

{d ,r :m ,d | r :d | m ,d :d ,r | m ,d :m | f ,r :r ,m | f ,r :f
 {Olc air mhath le cach e. Diridh sinn ri leinn an fhraoch! Tearnadh sinn ri gheann nan laogh,
 way that lies before us; Climbing stiff the heath'ry ben, Winding swiftly down the glen;

D.C. for CHORUS.

{m ,d :d ,r | m ,d :m ,s .-
 {Scha 'n'eil fear de luchd-nam-braoig Nach leig sinn gaoir a' mhàileid.
 Should we meet with stragglers then, Thoir gear will serve to store us.

Olc air mhath le Cloinn an-t-Saoir,
 Olc air mhath le Cloinn an-t-Saoir,
 Olc air mhath le Cloinn an-t-Saoir,
 'S bodaich mhaol an lagain.
 Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Thar a' mhonaideadh null 'n ar sgrìob,
 Sios Gleann-Comhainn air bheag sgios,
 Mèarsaigh sinn 'an ainn an Righ,
 Olc air mhath le cach e.
 Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Gu Mac-'ic-Alasdair the Lochial,
 Bith'dh iad leinn mar bha iad riabh,
 'S Fear-na-Céapach mar ar miann,
 Olc air mhath le cach e.
 Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Thig Clann-a-Phearsain, feachd nam buadh,
 'S thig Cloinn-Choirinnich o'n Taobh-tuath,
 'S maing a dream do 'n nochd iad fuath,
 'N nair dh 'eiras gruaim nam blar orr!
 Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Thig Clann-Ghriogair' targ' 's an stril
 'Us Stiùbhartaitch, 's iad slugh an Righ;
 Mèarsaibh uallach,—suas a' phlob!
 Olc air mhath le cach e.
 Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

MacIntyres watch on hill;
 Be their wishes good or ill.
 We will keep, whate'er their will,
 The way that lies before us.
 We will up &c.

O'er the mountain's rocky steep,
 Down Glencoe our course will keep ;
 In the King's name we will sweep
 The rebels on before us.
 We will up &c.

To Glengarry and Locheil,
 Keppoch trusty, true as steel,
 Hearts and claymores ever leal,
 As were their sires' before them.
 We will up &c.

Bold MacPhersons will come forth,
 With MacKenzies from the north :—
 Where be they would try their worth
 In battle's strife before them ?
 We will up, &c.

Fierce MacGregors, to us speed,
 Stewarts of the royal seed—
 Bag pipes ready,—pipers, lead
 The way that lies before us !
 We will up &c.

Gaelic words attributed to JOHN BRECK MAC KENDRICK. Translation by C. M. P.

43—O, TILL, A LEANNAIN—RETURN, MY DARLING.

KEY B^b.—*Moderato, beating twice in the measure.*

SEISI—*O,* till a leann ain, O, till, O, till! O,
CHORUS—Re turn, my dar ling, re turn, re turn! Re -

{ l : l : m | f : m : r | d : - : d | r : - : m | f : s : r | r : d : l ,
{ till, a leann ain, O, till, O, till! Dean cabh-aig a Mhaili a
turn, my dar ling, re turn, re turn! O, hast thee, my fair one, Re-

{ d : r : s, | s, : f, : s, | l, : t, : d | t, : r : t, | l, : t, : l, | s, : - ,
{ duth-aich nan Gall-ach, No théid mi lo h-aimh-eal do'n chill, do'n chill!
turn now, my rare one, Nor leave me thus dai ly to mourn, to mourn.

O thus'a gheibh scalladh de m' ghaol, de m' gbaol,
Thoir fios dhi gu 'n robb i dhomh fein, dhomh fein,
Mar chridhe do m' bhoileach,

Mar iul-chairt do 'n mbarach', [t-saogh'].
Mar ait-ghrein an Earraich do 'n t-saogh', do 'n

O, c' aite 'm bheil coimeas do m' luaidh, do m'
luaidh?

Mar ròs air uedh eala tha 'gruaidh, tha 'gruaidh;
Clar aghaidh a's gile

Na 'm bainne 'g a shileadh,
No 'grian's i gu luidhe 's a' chuan, 's a' chuan.

Na 'm faiceadh tu 'pearsa gun mheang, gun
mheang—

Na 'n chuinneadh tu 'labhairt gun sgraing, gun
Na 'm biodh tu le m' chruiinneig [sgraing]—

'N am togail nae luimneag,
Gu 'n lasadh do chridhe gun taing, gun taing.

Mo chridhe-sa! 's tusa 'bhios truagh, 'bhios truagh,
Mur pill is' 'thog oirre gu Cluaidh, gu Cluaidh:—

Gu 'm b' fhearr na bhi maile

Ri té eil' air thalamh,

Bhi sinntre ri m' Mhaili 's an uaigh, 's an uaigh!

If ever my loved one you see, you see,

O, tell her that she was to me, to me,

A chart for life's ocean,

A heart for each motion,

My sun and my portion was she, was she.

O, what with my love may compare, compare?

Not the swan or the rose so fair, so fair;

Much whiter I trow,

Than snow is her brow,

Or the sun setting low, so fair, so fair.

If you on my dear one should gaze, should gaze,
If you were to hear what she says, she says,

If you heard my pretty

One singing her ditty,

Your bosom would get in a blaze, a blaze.

But if she forsake me, my gloom, my gloom!
All pleasure and strength shall consume, consume,

And rather than stray

With another away,

I would lie with my May in the tomb, the tomb.

44—MAIRI LAGHACH—WINSOME MARY.

KEY F.—*Moderato.*

SEISD. { |r ,r :m ,r :r ,d |l ,l :d ,m :s |l ,l :r ,m :f ,m |r ,r :m ,s :l
 Hó, mo Mháiri laghach, 's tu mo Mháiri bhuin; Hó, mo Mháiri laghach 's tu mo Mháiri ghrinn;
 CHORUS. Hey, my winsome Ma - ry, Ma - ry, fondly free! Hey, my winsome Ma - ry, Mary, mine to be!



{ |l ,l :d ,d :t ,s |l ,l :d ,m :s |l ,t :d ,t :l ,s |m ,l :s ,m :r ||
 Hó, mo Mháiri laghach, 's tu mo Mháiri bhuin; Mháiri bhòidheach lurach, 'ringadh anns na glinn.
 Winsome, handsome Mary— who so fair as she! My own Highland lassie, dear as life to me.

B'og bha mise 's Mairi
 'M fassichean Ghlinn-smeòil,
 'N uair 'chuir macan Venus
 Saighead gheur 'n am fheòil
 Tharrning sinn ri chéile,
 Ann an eud cho beò,
 'S nach robh air an t-saoghal
 A thug gaol cho mòr.

Ged bu leamsa Albainn,
 A h-airgiad 'us a maoin,
 Cia mar bhithinn sona
 Gun do chomunn gaoil?
 B' annsa bhi 'g ad phogadh
 Le deagh choir dhomh fein,
 Na ged gheibhinn stòras
 Na Roimh-Eòrp' gu leir.

Tha d' fhalt bachlach, dualach,
 Mu do chluais a' fis,
 Thug nàdur gach buaidh dha
 Thar gach gruag a bha:
 Cha 'n eil dragh, no tuairgne,
 'N a chur suas gach là;
 Chas gach ciabh mu'n cuairt deth,
 'S e 'n a dhual gu 'bhàrr.

Tha do chaileadh-dheud snaithe
 Geal mar shneachd nan àrd;
 D'anail mar an caineal;
 Beul o 'n banail failt:
 Gruaidh air dreach an t-siris;
 Min-ruisg chinneadh, thila;
 Mala chaol gun ghruman,
 Gnùis gheal, 's cuach-fhàlt blàin.

Cha robb inneal ciùil
 A fhuaireadh riamb fo 'n ghréin,
 A dh'aithriseadh air choir
 Gach ceòl bhiodh againn fein
 Uiseag air gach lònán,
 Smeorach air gach geig;
 Cuthag 'us gùg gùg aic'
 'Madaimh chùbhraideadh Chéit.

Long ere in my bosom
 Lodged love's arrow keen,
 Often with my Mary
 In Glensmoil I've been;
 Happy hours succeeded
 By affection true,
 Till there seemed 'neath heaven
 No such loving two!

What although all Albinn
 And its wealth were mine,
 How, without thee, darling,
 Could I fail to pine?
 As my bride to kiss thee,
 I would prize far more
 Than the all of treasure
 Europe has in store.

What a wealth of tresses
 Mary dear can show!
 Crown of lustre rarer
 Ne'er graced maiden brow!
 'Tis but little dressing
 Need those tresses rare,
 Falling fondly, proudly,
 O'er her shoulders fair.

Hers are teeth whose whiteness
 Snow alone can peer;
 Hers the breath all fragrance,
 Voice of loving cheer;
 Cheeks of cherry ripeness,
 Eyelids drooping down,
 Neath a forehead never
 Shadowed by a frown.

No mere music art-born
 Ere our pleasure crowned;—
 Music far more cheering
 Nature for us found;
 Larks in air, and thrushes
 On each flow'ring thorn,
 And the Cuckoo halloing
 Summer's gay return!

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