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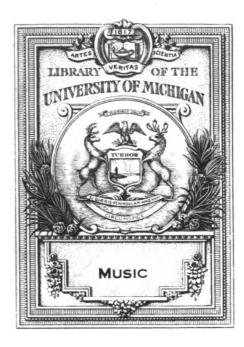
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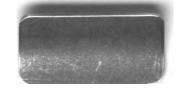
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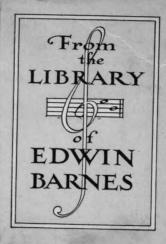
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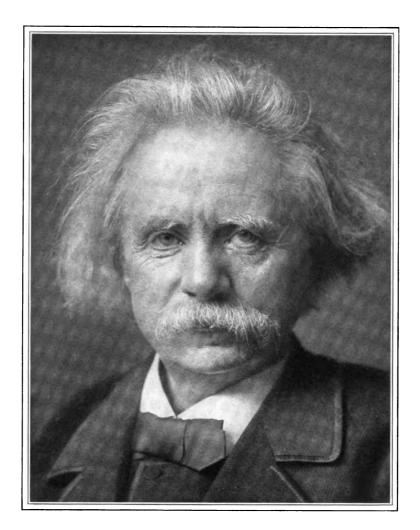


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HERE is an expression, "I bought it for a song," which implies that a song is a mere trifle, a thing of little value. Now, it cannot be denied that the songs of the great masters, from Bach and Handel to Beethoven, are indeed for the most part mere trifles compared with the best numbers in their oratorios and symphonies. Schubert was the first great master who infused as much genius into his songs as into his symphonies or sonatas; and others, fortunately, soon followed his example. Among these, Edvard Grieg is conspicuous. His songs contain the very quintessence of his genius, -a world of musical thought, fancy, emotion; a lavish abundance of fresh melody, novel harmony, ravishing modulation, enchanting tone-color. They are entirely original, -as different from the songs of other countries as the scenery of Norway is from the scenery of Germany, France, and Italy. To sing them is like making an excursion in the Northern fjords.

Strange to say, most of these enchanting songs are still unknown, to professionals as well as amateurs; they are buried treasures, music of the future. One often reads that "every schoolgirl plays and sings Grieg;" but that is an absurd exaggeration. Grieg's friend, the Norwegian composer Schjelderup, came nearer the truth when he said: "A few of the 'famous' songs are sung interminably, and that is about all. Who knows Grieg's settings of the poems by Ibsen, Vinje, and Garborg, which are among his best?"

It is the object of the present volume to change this deplorable state of affairs by making the best fifty of Grieg's one hundred and thirty-five songs conveniently accessible in an English version, and at the same time supplying such information as seems essential for a thorough comprehension and interpretation of them. A few years ago the eminent violinist Johannes Wolf, who made concert tours with Grieg in England and on the Continent, wrote to the editor of this volume: "His works are full of passion and poetry; the more I play them, the more I love them; always I find freshness and beauty. But," he adds, "few know how to play Grieg." To do that, "one must know him, his beautiful country, and the Norwegian character." This is emphatically true. Not that it is necessary to be a Scandinavian to do justice to Grieg's music. He himself wrote, a few months before his death, that the best exponent of his art was an Australian. But every singer or player of his works ought to know something of his life, his ideals, and the quaint customs and picturesque scenery which colored and gave shape to his music.

While Edvard Grieg was born in Norway (at Bergen, on June 15, 1843), his great-grandfather was a Scotchman,—a merchant who wrote his name Greig and was probably related to General Greigh. After the battle of Culloden, in 1746, which was so disastrous to the Scotch, he emigrated to Norway, where he changed his name to Grieg (to ensure the correct pronunciation), and married a Norwegian. Their son, John, who occupied the post of British consul at Bergen, also married a Norwegian, and so did his son, Alexander, the father of the composer, who thus had much more Norwegian than Scotch blood in his veins. His musical talent came to him entirely from the Norwegian side; he inherited his gifts from his mother (Gesine Hagerup), who played the piano sufficiently well to appear at public concerts. She had weekly soirées at her house at which Edvard heard much good music, especially by Mozart and Weber, his mother's favorite composers. She also gave him piano lessons, and at the age of twelve he wrote his first composition, a set of variations on a German melody. He took this to school and showed it to his teacher, who, however, pulled his hair and told him not to waste his time on such foolishness!

Edvard's father never cared much more for

his music than that teacher did, even after he had made his mark. But he influenced him favorably otherwise, for he was a man of character and culture. He took Edvard, when a lad of fifteen, on a trip to the mountains, on which occasion the grandeur of the Norwegian scenery made such a deep impression on the boy that he wanted to become a painter. He admired particularly the snowy solitudes, the precipitous cliffs, the glaciers, the thundering waterfalls. Luckily, at this crisis, the eminent violinist Ole Bull came to the rescue of music. He had often visited the Griegs and had promptly discovered the boy's talent. He advised the parents to send their son to Leipzig, and they followed his suggestion without a moment's hesitation, as they had themselves reached the conclusion that he was destined to be a musician.

Grieg entered the Leipzig Conservatory with joyous expectations and a vague idea that his mere presence there would soon make him a finished musician. He was displeased when he found that he was expected to do a great deal of work, and much of it pure drudgery. He was by no means a model student; much of his time was spent in dawdling and dreaming. But it was not all his fault. Many of the lessons given were unnecessarily dry and pedantic, and he was asked to compose chamber music and orchestral works before he had learned to handle his tools. What annoyed him particularly was the ultra-conservative attitude of most of the professors. Chopin and Wagner, whom he adored, were "forbidden fruit;" to some extent the same was true even of Schumann, one of the founders of the Conservatory. These things discouraged him, and for a time he neglected his work. But a reaction came. Seeing how industrious his classmates were (among them several young Englishmen who subsequently became famous: Arthur Sullivan, Edward Dannreuther, Franklin Taylor, and Walter Bache), he bestirred himself and went to the other extreme, the consequence being that in 1860 he broke down. Pleurisy supervened and left the young man to spend the remaining forty-seven years of his life with only one lung.

His mother came and took him home, but subsequently he returned and finished his studies at the Conservatory, passing the examinations successfully.

From Leipzig he went to Denmark, where he began to compose industriously, partly under the guidance of the famous composer Gade. But there was a still stronger influence and incitement to work. In 1864 he became engaged to his cousin Nina Hagerup, but for three long years he had to work hard to command sufficient income to marry her. It was largely owing to his betrothed that his genius assumed such a strong bent toward lyric song. For her he composed the best known of all his songs, *I Love Thee*, and many of his other gems.

Had Grieg remained in Germany he would still have become a great composer; but his songs and pieces would have lacked that exotic fragrance which constitutes one of their greatest charms. His *I Love Thee* illustrates this point. It is quite German; Schumann might have written it when at his best, for it is quite in his style; but Schumann could never have written *The First Primrose, The Swan, The Old Mother, On the Journey Home, At the Brookside; Minstrel's Song, The Mountain Maid, At Mother's Grave, From Monte Pincio.* These, and many others of the songs, only a Norwegian could have written, and only one Norwegian,— Edvard Grieg.

From Denmark Grieg passed on to his native country. For eight years he made Christiania his home, giving concerts and trying hard to educate the musical taste of his fellow citizens. For his compositions there was at this time very little demand. "He writes music that nobody wants to hear," the mother of the girl he was engaged to used to say. Consequently he had to make his living by teaching, conducting, and playing the organ in churches.

The first to discover his genius was Liszt. He had accidentally come across Grieg's first sonata for piano and violin, and was so much pleased that he wrote him a letter praising it for the inventive talent manifested in it. An important result of this letter was that the Norwegian Government granted him a sum of money which enabled him to go to Rome and visit Liszt. For his own very interesting account of his intercourse the reader must be referred to the editor's *Grieg and His Music* (John Lane Co.). Liszt was enthusiastic over Grieg's pieces, especially the piano concerto, and his final admonition was one which often upheld Grieg in later years when the bold originality of his music made it the target of critical arrows: "Keep steadily on; I tell you, you have the gifts, and—*do not let them intimidate you!*"

Schubert once said that creative artists should be supported by the government—an opinion which Wagner echoed. The Norwegian Government began long ago to do that very thing. Grieg, in 1874, received an annuity of sixteen hundred crowns (four hundred and forty dollars), which—as the expenses of living in Norway were low—enabled him to give up teaching and devote more time to composing. He made his home in Bergen again, and there wrote, among other things, at Ibsen's special request, the incidental music to Peer Gynt, which, in the form of suites, is to this day among the most popular concert pieces. In 1877 he made his residence at Lofthus, on the South Fjord, where he remained eight years, devoting most of his time to composing, varying this by making an occasional concert tour. But Lofthus, with all its scenic charms, had the disadvantage of being too much exposed to casual visitors and intruders, wherefore he moved, in 1885, to the villa Troldhaugen, near the railway station Hop, about five miles from Bergen, and this remained his home to the end of his life.

A simple life it was, the only sensational incident in it having been an occurrence in Paris which at the same time reveals his character in a most agreeable light. At the time of the Dreyfus trial the eminent orchestral conductor Edouard Colonne invited him to participate in a concert at the Châtelet Theatre. But Grieg replied that he was too indignant at the contempt for justice shown in France to enter into relations at that moment with the French public. It was an unwise answer. A writer in *Le Figaro* had said not long before that among the most famous musicians of the time he knew none whose popularity in France equalled Grieg's. This popularity he risked losing; for had not Wagner's operas been boycotted in Paris many years because he had, in his play, *A Capitulation*, lampooned the French? But Grieg did not care. He had the courage, four years later, to accept Colonne's renewed invitation, and the chauvinists did not neglect the opportunity to hiss and to cry: "Apologize, you have insulted France!" The audience, however, took his part, and the result was an ovation, mingled with hisses.

This was the first time in his life—he was sixty years old—that he had ever been hissed. But he looked at the matter from a humorous point of view, writing to a friend: "I have seen much, but never such a comedy as that in the Châtelet Theatre on the nineteenth. But—who can tell?—if I had not been hissed I would perhaps not have had such an enormous success!"

His capacity for seeing the funny side of things is frequently shown in his letters, and it serves as a counterpart to his *Humoresken* for pianoforte. When his friend Oscar Meyer, the song writer, congratulated him on his election as a member of the French Legion of Honor, he replied: "My election is an 'honor' I share with 'legions,' so let us not waste more words about it."

He received many tempting offers for an American tour, but distrust of his health and aversion to the turbulent ocean made him refuse them all. To an American visitor who urged him to cross, he remarked that he would do so if he could get a guaranty that the Atlantic would behave itself; "but," he added, "it must be a written guaranty!"

In European countries he gave a few concerts nearly every year, and the house was always sold out weeks in advance. He was a conductor who could get "nervous thrilling bursts and charming sentiment" out of any good orchestra, and he was a first-class pianist, playing his own pieces now with the wild abandon of Norwegian dancing peasants, now with the exquisite delicacy and refinement of a man of genius who fathoms the deepest secrets of the soul.

Personally he was as shy and delicate as some of his melodies. In December, 1906, he wrote to Oscar Meyer: "You are perfectly right in being astonished that I still give concerts. The fact is, however, that I allow myself to be persuaded to do so; I have, unfortunately, not strength of character enough to refuse. To appear in public is, to me, the most hateful thing I can imagine. And yet, to hear my works excellently performed and in accordance with my own interpretation—this is a thing I cannot resist."

This was three years after his sixtieth birthday. That birthday was celebrated all over Scandinavia and in other countries, especially in Germany, where many music lovers feel toward Grieg much as they do toward the equally modest and melodious Schubert. The German Emperor is particularly fond of Grieg's music, which reminds him of the picturesque Norwegian fjords he visits nearly every summer on the Hohenzollern. Once he entertained Grieg on this yacht, and during this visit an incident occurred to which the composer often referred with special pleasure. A strong and cold wind was blowing, and the Emperor, knowing of Grieg's delicate state of health, lent him his military cloak. As the composer was walking up and down the deck alone, an officer said to him:" Take care! His Majesty's mantle is dragging." At that moment the Kaiser returned and said with a smile: "The main thing is that our master must not catch cold."

The Kaiser was also one of the chief mourners when Grieg died, at Bergen, on September 4, 1907, after lying ill for a week in the hospital. To the widow he sent this dispatch: "I communicate to you, on your husband's death, my most cordial sympathy. He and his art will never be forgotten by me, nor by his compatriots, nor by the Germans. May God console you in your grief. I have charged my Ambassador to represent me at the funeral ceremony and to lay on his bier a wreath in my name."

Bergen solicited the honor of taking charge of the funeral services, but the Norwegian Gov-

ernment intervened and made it a national affair. More than forty thousand persons participated; all schools, shops, and factories were closed. Grieg's wish, expressed in 1894, that the funeral march he had written on the death of his friend Nordraak should be played at his own obsequies was fulfilled. As the procession marched along the streets past the houses draped in black, all the men bared their heads-for every Norwegian loves Grieg as if he were a member of his own family; and to this love is added pride and gratitude—for what other man had done more to make Norway known and admired by the world? In the words of Björnson: "He brought it about that Norwegian moods and Norwegian life are at home in every music room in the whole world."

Grieg's body was cremated, and in April, 1908, the ashes were deposited in a spot as romantic and moody as his music. From the villa Troldhaugen, which was his home during the last twenty years of his life, there is visible a promontory projecting into the fjord. At the extreme end of this there is a rock with a natural grotto. This grotto is not accessible by land, but can be reached only by boat, and the rock rises steep above it. Here the urn containing Grieg's ashes was deposited, and the grotto then closed forever and marked with an epitaph on a marble tablet indicating the former entrance.

THE NORTHLAND SPIRIT IN MUSIC

A German critic once expressed his regret that Grieg "stuck in the fjord and never got out of it." Most music lovers are, on the contrary, delighted that his music is, like his life, — and now his ashes, — inseparable from the fjord. He began his career by writing German music; the first dozen or so of his songs were composed under the influence of Schubert and Schumann. Then came the Danish episode already referred to. Gade, the Dane, helped to arouse his musical ambition, but did not awaken his patriotic Scandinavian sentiment, being too much of a Germanist himself. He actually objected to the strong national color in the second violin sonata.



"Dear Grieg," he said, "your next sonata you really must make less Norwegian." But Grieg retorted boldly: "On the contrary, Professor, the next shall be more so!"

The courage of his convictions had come to him partly spontaneously, partly through the influence of two friends, Richard Nordraak and Ole Bull. Both were ardent patriots, convinced that musically Norway had something of great charm and eternal value to offer the world. Nordraak was a young enthusiast, a gifted composer, with whom Grieg played and discussed politics and nationalism. He died too young to make his mark. Ole Bull, in Grieg's youth, used to take him along on his tours to the mountainous interior, where they listened delightedly to the national airs as played by peasant fiddlers on their antique "fele." Then the great violinist transferred these wild airs, and played them, not only for the Griegs and the other Norwegians, but the world over, arousing unbounded enthusiasm.

The belief is still widely prevalent that Grieg did little more than Ole Bull-that he was simply a collector of national airs which he made accessible to the outside world, after dressing them up in appropriate harmonies. Several of his collections of pianoforte pieces (op. 17, 35, 66, 72) and a few other works are indeed based on borrowed melodies; but these constitute only a very small fraction of his productions; all the others are his own absolutely. Of his one hundred and thirty-five songs only one, Solvejg's Song, is based on a folk-tune. Grieg did not need to borrow tunes, for his own melodic faculty was astonishingly fertile. Norse folk-songs are noted for their freshness and beauty, yet, as Philip Hale has aptly remarked, "Look over these folk-songs, and see how superior to them in haunting beauty are the melodies of Grieg."

Grieg's strength, as Professor Niecks of Edinburgh University has remarked, "lies in the freshness and novelty of his ideas." This creating of "fresh and novel ideas" is the one thing in music which cannot be learned or taught. It is that which distinguishes genius from mere talent; and this we must bear in mind in determining Grieg's place among the masters. In point of originality he ranks with the greatest of them in all the elements of his art,—melody, harmony, modulation, rhythm, and coloring. His music is as unmistakably his own as his face.

While thus emphasizing his originality, we must bear in mind that he was nevertheless, like all other composers, subject to diverse influences. The masters who specially helped to mould his mind are Schubert, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, and Wagner. Great and salutary, also, was the influence on him of the folk-music of Norway; it helped to make his own music racy of the soil, as the folk-music of Poland did that of Chopin, the folk-music of Bohemia that of Dvořák, the folk-music of Hungary that of Liszt. Like a tree with its roots in the soil of his native country, Grieg absorbed the chemical qualities of the Norwegian soil without losing any of his individuality.

The folk-music of Norway is more exotic more "foreign" to our ears-than that of the other Scandinavian countries-Sweden and Denmark. It is peculiarly robust, often rugged as the bold rocks that overhang those narrow and winding arms of the sea which are called fjords. It delights in abrupt changes; its rhythms are irregular and capricious, the tonality uncertain and vacillating; and there is a preference for the minor mode and for quaint melodic intervals. Grieg himself, in speaking of the Norwegian peasant tunes, refers to their "blending of delicacy and grace with rough power and untamed wildness as regards their melody, and more particularly the rhythm." This blend we find in many of his own pieces, too; we find in them also the love of a drone bass changeless through many bars, the rhapsodic manner, the need of an ever changing rubato pace, which characterize Norse music.¹

¹ For details regarding the characteristics of Norwegian music the reader must be referred to the author's biography of Grieg, chapter viii. Before the appearance of this book the opinion previously referred to — that Grieg did little more than transplant

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Norwegian music differs from the Danish and Swedish very much as the scenery does. As I have said elsewhere: "The Norwegian is bolder, rougher, wilder, grander, yet with a green, fertile vale here and there in which strawberries and cherries reach a fragrance and flavor hardly attained anywhere else in the world." These green vales with luscious fruits are one of the main characteristics of Grieg's music. They impart a feeling of delight like that which overcomes a tourist going down a Swiss pass from the snowy Alps to the fig trees and vineyards of Italy.

Carl Engel, who made a special study of the varieties of national song, has tersely characterized the general spirit of Norwegian music. "It is a curious fact," he says, "that those nations which possess the most lugubrious music possess also the most hilarious tunes. The songs of the Norwegians are generally very plaintive, though at the same time very beautiful; and some of the Norwegian dances have perhaps more resemblance to dirges than to the dances of some other nations; but in single instances the Norwegian tunes exhibit an unbounded joy and cheerfulness, such as we rarely meet with in the music of other people. Indeed, the Norwegians, so far as their music is concerned, might be compared to the hypochondriac who occasionally, though but seldom, gives himself up to an almost excessive merriment."

Grieg himself, in a letter to the editor, wrote: "The fundamental trait of Norwegian folk-song as contrasted with the German is a deep melancholy, which may suddenly change to a wild unrestrained gayety. Mysterious gloom and indomitable wildness—these are the contrasts of Norwegian folk-song."

THE SONGS OF GRIEG

Beethoven is greatest in his adagios, and Dr. Dvořák once quoted approvingly to the editor of this volume the remark of Hans Richter that in the case of composers in general their slow movements are the supreme test and manifestation of genius. Schubert once wrote in his diary: "Grief sharpens the intellect and strengthens the soul, whereas joy seldom does anything for the one and makes the other weak or frivolous." On another page he wrote: "My musical compositions are the product of my intellect and my sorrows; those which were born of sorrow alone, appear to give the world the most satisfaction."

In looking over the Grieg songs we find a preponderance of those in which he gives expression to his own sorrows and those of the bards whose poems he set. Yet there are also not a few in which is embodied that "unbounded joy and cheerfulness" characteristic of the Norwegians-contrasts inspired, no doubt, in part by the annual changes from the melancholy long winter nights to the cheery midnight sun of summer. Others remind us of the green and smiling valleys referred to. The emotional range of Grieg's songs is, indeed, very great, as we shall see in analyzing them separately; and it must be remembered that we have here only fifty out of one hundred and thirty-five. Patriotism is a sentiment frequently embodied in them, and so is the allied Heimweh,----the longing for home of which our No. 33 is such an eloquent example. There is infinite tenderness in some of these Lieder, and while a few of the earliest ones (not included in this volume) are commonplace, none of them are tainted and diseased, like so much modern music. To cite a few sentences from my book on Grieg: "One of the most remarkable traits of Grieg is that although he had an invalid body nearly all his life, his artist soul was always healthy; there is not a trace of the morbid or mawkish in his music, but, on the contrary, a superb virility and an exuberant joyousness such as are supposed to be inseparable from robust health. The tenderness just referred to is not incompatible with this sturdy virility; tenderness

Norwegian wild songs into his flower-pots—was very widely prevalent. After reading this book he wrote to the author, under date of December 30, 1905: "Of particular importance is the chapter on the relation of Norwegian folk-songs to my originality. For this I am extremely grateful to you, for you have succeeded brilliantly in rehabilitating me in the face of the many unjust and ignorant foreign criticisms."



is a modern trait of the best manhood; Homer's heroes had none of it."

To sum up: the emotional range of Grieg's songs is wide, their subjects are poetic and pictorial, there are single pages in them that contain more of the essence of genius than many whole sonatas, symphonies, and operas. That some of the best of these songs are known to few may seem strange; but the mystery is explained by the fact that to do justice to such poetic products a vocalist must be not only technically expert, but a person of deep feeling and able to enter into the spirit of something so rich and strange as Grieg's "fjord music." How many vocalists of that sort are there? Some day there will be more, and then Grieg's songs will be second in vogue to none.

Ffrangcon Davies relates in his book, *The Sing*ing of the Future, that when he sought Sims Reeves's aid in regard to the singing of *Elijah* the first words of that eminent artist to his pupil were: "What do you think about the Prophet —what sort of man was he?"

There is a wealth of suggestion in that question, to singers of songs as well as of oratorios. "What sort of *poem* is this that I am about to sing?" is the first question vocalists should ask themselves. Wagner suggested that in studying one of his operas the first thing to do was for the singers to have a meeting and read their parts, as if it were simply a play. In the same way, a singer should first study the poem of a song, and fathom its inner spirit before taking up the music. If this were more frequently done there would be larger audiences at song recitals, and fewer unfortunates like General Grant, who, when a young lady asked his permission to sing a song for him, asked, "Is it long?"

The following brief notes are offered in the hope of helping amateurs as well as professionals to present the Grieg songs with a fuller understanding of their contents. The new translations made specially for this volume will also facilitate that task. Grieg himself was very critical regarding the translations of his songs into other languages, and with some of them he was greatly displeased, because the poetry had been impaired and the accents displaced.

A word of explanation is due regarding the texts used in this edition. The plan of The Musicians Library has been to print the songs in English and in the original language. If in this case German is used instead of Norwegian it is because there are in this country nine times as many Germans as Norwegians, and probably a proportionate number of singers and music lovers. The editor is glad to be able to assure the readers of these pages that Grieg would have approved the choice of his songs made for this volume, for he wrote to him, after reading Songs and Song Writers: "Always the critics have pointed out my least important things as the best, and unfortunately also vice versà. How happy I am that this is not the case with you. You have in the main dwelt on the very songs which I myself consider the best."

1. Morning Dew (Morgenthau). Written in 1863, the year after Grieg had passed his examination at the Leipzig Conservatory, this love-song harks back to Leipzig impressions. The poem is by a German, Chamisso, who was noted as a naturalist beside being one of the most popular writers of lyrics.

2. My Mind is like a Peak Snow-crowned (Mein Sinn ist wie der mächt'ge Fels). This passionate and impetuous love-song was written in the same year as the preceding number and likewise betrays the influence of the German masters, notably Schubert, whose Aufenthalt it suggests. The poem is by Andersen, Denmark's most prolific and popular author, among whose thirty-three volumes are the Fairy Tales which have made his name a household word throughout the world.

3. I Love Thee (Ich liebe Dich). Of all the one hundred and thirty-five songs of Grieg this one is the most popular. Though entirely original, it might have been, as stated on another page of this volume, written by Schumann in one of his most inspired moments. It is a musical love-letter, dated 1864, the year when Grieg became engaged to his cousin, Nina Hagerup. For

her it was written, and never has a composer poured out his feelings more intensely, more overwhelmingly, for the object of his adoration. The daughter of a famous Danish actress, she was ideally suited to being Grieg's wife. "She is short and somewhat broad," wrote Mrs. Finck, when we visited them at Troldhaugen in July, 1901, "with a face that her photographs do not do justice to, because there is a peculiar mixture of shyness and vivacity that eludes the camera; she has gray hair, cut short, and very intelligent, dark blue eyes." Tchaikovsky had written three years previously that she was "just as small, fragile, and sympathetic" as her husband; that he had never "met a better informed or more highly cultivated woman;" and that he found her "as amiable, as gentle, as childishly simple and without guile as her celebrated husband." She sang his songs, sometimes in public (the last time, before Queen Victoria in 1898), as no one else could sing them. Her art reminded Frau von Holstein of Jenny Lind's "in its captivating abandon, dramatic vivacity, soulful treatment of the poem, and unaffected manner." Grieg himself once wrote to the editor of this volume: "My best songs were composed for her; they embody my personal feelings, and I could no more have stopped expressing them in songs than I could have stopped breathing." It seemed to him "a matter of course that one should sing so beautifully, so eloquently, so soulfully, as she did."

4. The Poet's Heart (Des Dichters Herz). Another Andersen poem, set to music in the same year as I Love Thee. The expression mark allegro molto ed agitato—very fast and impassioned—indicates the keynote of this effusion of the poet, who maintains excitedly that however urgent may be the ocean-waves, however fragrant the flowers, wild the winds, they are as naught compared with the exuberant emotions in the poet's bleeding heart.

5. Cradle Song (Wiegenlied). Not a cradle song in the usual sense of the term is this ineffably sad effusion. It is a dirge sung by the father, for the mother who died in giving life to her boy;

and the father confesses he would have slain himself to join her had it not been for the child's need of a protector. In 1899, when the editor of this volume was writing his book on Songs and Song Writers, he asked Grieg for some details regarding his songs. After some hesitation, the composer kindly forwarded him a letter of thirty-six pages full of valuable information. In this letter he referred to the Wiegenlied. A few years previously he was dismayed to find it in the programme of a concert given at the Gewandhaus. It seemed to him impossible in a concert hall because of its very intime character. But -the vocalist was Johannes Messchaert, and Arthur Nikisch played the piano part. After a few lines had been sung, deep silence prevailed in the hall. The composer's hopes began to rise, because the performance was so incomparably beautiful. And when the last bar had been sung, the audience expressed its satisfaction in an outburst of prolonged applause. Note the expression mark, "not too slow, but very mournfully." The piano part is pianissimo throughout; the accents must be very subtle, yet distinct. The intense grief, combined with the lulling tenderness that belongs to a cradle song, gives this Lied a unique place in musical literature. The author of the poem, Andreas Munch, enjoys great popularity in Norway; the parliament granted him an honorary pension. His best work is his Sorrow and Comfort, in which he bewails the death of his wife.

6. Autumn Storm (Herbststurm). Concert singers with dramatic gifts will find this a most effective number. It is longer than most of Grieg's songs and presents excellent opportunities for climaxing. The text, by the eminent Danish poet, Christian Richardt (who is particularly noted for his pictures of nature in diverse aspects), imperatively called for such a setting. It presents a vivid suggestion of the advent of winter in the North, and Grieg's music is equally realistic, recalling both the stormy aspect of approaching winter and its domestic comforts and consolations.

7, 8. Ragnhild; Ragna. In 1866 Grieg and the

poet Drachmann made an excursion to the Norwegian mountains. One day they became acquainted with some charming women who at once inspired the poet and the composer to utter their sentiments in joint song. The result of this collaboration appeared as opus 44, entitled *From* the Mountains and the Fjords, with the subtitle Souvenirs of a Trip in Norway. It consists of a prologue, an epilogue, and between them the two buoyant songs Ragnhild and Ragna, which are as tuneful and almost as simple as folksongs, yet unmistakably Griegian. They speak for themselves.

9. Margaret's Cradle Song (Margarethens Wiegenlied). Although the poem underlying this number is by the Norwegian Ibsen, the music seems like a reminiscence of the days Grieg spent as a youth amid the chorals and folk-songs of Germany and the songs of Franz. But when we reach bars 10-18 we realize our mistake: it is a Norwegian baby, after all, that Ibsen and Grieg are singing about. The song is both a lullaby and a prayer—how different from the heartrending dirge of No. 5 in our collection!

10. Woodland Wandering (Waldwanderung). Here is a song of love and summer—a merry woodland song that everybody can understand and enjoy at first hearing, including even those men who never go to anything but "musical comedies." The melody is so simple and trips along so lightly that one might fancy it had been invented by a shepherd boy instead of by the greatest master of subtle harmony since Wagner and Liszt.

11. Mother Sorrow (Mutterschmerz). The poet who, in No. 6, took us to the heart of nature, here bares the heart of a poor mother who has lost her infant boy and prays for more tears to weep. It is a most tender, pathetic song. A grief like this came into the life of Grieg and his wife. In the words of his intimate friend, Frank Van der Stucken: "Grieg liked children very much, and used to speak about a child of his, a girl, that had died very young. How tenderly he would mention her name and relate incidents of her short life!" It was Mr. Van der Stucken who added a second German verse to Grieg's song *I Love Thee* for the Peters edition.

12. Good Morning (Guten Morgen). This song is a good illustration of how much the combined imaginative powers of a poet and a composer can make of the simple idea of daybreak. It is one of Grieg's most joyous songs.

13. First Meeting (Erstes Begegnen). Another Björnson song, on the dawn of love. This eminent poet has played almost as important a part in the political life of Norway as in its literature. He and Grieg were for several decades intimate friends; they collaborated not only in a number of songs but also in larger works, like Olaf Trygvason (an operatic fragment), the men's chorus Landsighting, and the melodious and pathetic At the Cloister Gate, which cannot be too highly commended to music clubs commanding a women's choir and a soprano and an alto soloist.

14. From Monte Pincio (Vom Monte Pincio). The Pincio, in Rome, used to be known as the "hill of gardens." Here two thousand years ago were the famous gardens of the millionaire Lucullus, and many memories of mediaeval events are associated with the place, too. At present it is a fashionable resort and drive, and in the evening, when there is music, it presents a gay scene. Björnson touches on the various points of view which occur to a poet's observant and reminiscent mind on a visit to this picturesque place; and Grieg's music, with a realistic art worthy of both Schubert and Liszt, reproduces all these aspects in his music-the glowing sunset, the swarming people, the dom'es of the city below, the mists calling up dim memories of the past and prophecies as to a future awakening of Rome to her former glory. Note how the opening chords conjure up the sunset mood; how the music grows funereal at the words "face of the dead;" note the echo-like sounds of the mountain horns; the fine contrast provided by the recurring gay melody (vivo); and many other exquisite details.

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15. The Princess (Die Prinzessin). Another immortal mastersong — Griegish in every bar of the melody and harmony, as individual, as original almost as if no one had written songs before Grieg. Sing it, play it, twice, twenty times, two hundred times, you will like it more and more, and it will haunt you like the face of a beautiful girl illumined by love. How exquisitely Björnson's Heine-like story of the princess in her castle overcome by the lay of the minstrel below, is mirrored in the music! How grandly the chords near the close sink with the setting sun!

16. My Song to the Spring I proffer (Dem Lenz soll mein Lied erklingen). With Monte Pincio and The Princess we entered the second phase of Grieg's activity, in which his individuality manifests itself strongly, and Norwegian local color becomes more and more vivid. No. 16 also is thoroughly characteristic of its composer. To enter fully into the spirit of this greeting to spring, the singer should bear in mind that if the coming of spring is a joyous event to us who live in temperate latitudes, it is doubly so to the Norseman, who not only has missed the murmuring of the brooks and the blooming of the flowers, but has not even seen the light of the sun, for months. Spring to him is like the release from a dark dungeon, and it begets that "unbounded joy and cheerfulness" which we have noted as a Norwegian characteristic.

17. At a Young Woman's Bier (An der Bahre einer jungen Frau). There is a world of sorrow in the spectacle of a man standing at the bier of his wife, cut off in her youth—a world of sorrow which finds its most poignant expression in this deep-felt song. It is pathetic, tragic, to the end; but conspicuous for thrilling, tear-compelling beauty are the nine bars from the twelfth to the twentieth, which are like a vision of heaven granted to the mourner. Had Grieg written nothing but those nine bars he would still be one of the immortal masters.

18. Hidden Love (Verborg'ne Liebe). The story

of a maiden and a youth who love one another while neither ever discovers the secret is a favorite one with the poets. Björnson's poem might have been written in any country, but Grieg's setting of it is music such as the world never heard before he began to compose. It is Norse music, and the expert ear also detects melodic steps which illustrate the strange relationship between Scandinavian and Oriental art.

19. Solvejg's Song (Solvejgs Lied). Grieg once wrote to the editor of this volume that Solvejg's Song was the only one of his songs which contains a borrowed melody. The allegretto section, in particular, has the lilt of a folk-song; but the harmonies are, of course, his own. None of Grieg's songs is sung oftener than this; even Patti added it to her repertory a few years ago. Solveig (pronounced Solevig) is the heroine of Peer Gynt, Ibsen's famous drama. She falls in love with Peer Gynt notwithstanding his rough peasant ways. But he has fantastic aspirations to become emperor of the world, and soon leaves her to seek adventures in diverse countries, including Arabia. She remains in the hut he had built for her in the Norwegian forest, and her song attests that her thoughts and her heart are with him always.

20. Solvejg's Slumber Song (Solvejgs Wiegenlied). No more than No. 5 in our collection is this a cradle song in the usual sense of the word. It is the ineffably sad dirge which Solvejg sings when Peer Gynt has at last returned to her, only to die in her arms. No singer, unless she is an artist of the highest rank or has suffered the same grief in her life, can fathom the depth of the sorrow here expressed in tones of exquisite tenderness. The creative thrill of delight which Grieg must have felt when he penned this song -especially the last twelve bars, which have not their equal in more than a dozen other songs ever composed --- must have atoned for all the sufferings of his life. As the editor has said elsewhere: "This death song closes the quasi-operatic score of Peer Gynt, and if there is, excepting Tristan and Isolde, an opera which has a more



deeply emotional or a more sorrowful ending, I have not heard it."

21. A Swan (Ein Schwan). This is not only one of the most popular songs in modern concert halls, but is also one of the grandest ever composed. No one should attempt to sing it unless endowed with sufficient dramatic feeling to bring out the deeper meaning of Ibsen's poem, the varied expression, and, especially, the superb climax where the swan, after a lifelong silence, sings at last. Grieg, in a letter to the editor, wished him to call particular attention to the fact that the words "Ja, da, da sangst du" should be sung "sempre fortissimo, if possible even with a crescendo, and by no means diminuendo and piano."

22. The First Primrose (Mit einer Primula Veris). Perhaps this is the best of all the Grieg songs for a first introduction to his style. Its ravishing melody enraptures the senses at a first hearing, and every one will agree that it is the loveliest of spring songs. All the delicacy of a flower, the fragrance of May, the buoyancy of youth, are in this song of a lover who offers the first primrose of the season to his beloved in exchange for her heart. "When I first heard it, I was affected as I was when I saw my first Mariposa Lily in California."

23. With a Water-Lily (Mit einer Wasserlilie). Ibsen's poems always inspired Grieg to his best efforts. One day when Madame Grieg had sung her husband's setting of Ibsen's songs for him, he shook hands with both and whispered one word, "Understood!" In the Water-lily song, as in the others, Grieg has musically "understood" his great countryman. It is aptly named an allegro grazioso, the melody poising on the chords as the lilies on their slender stems. The variety amid the unity of the accompaniment suggests the skill with which Schubert voices the brook in his songs of the Miller's Maid.

24. Minstrel's Song (Spielmannslied). Another gem of the first water, Grieg in every bar, thoroughly Ibsenish and Norwegian. The poem embodies the favorite Norse legend of the river sprite teaching the magic love-compelling art of song in exchange for the singer's salvation. In this case the lover loses his beloved as well as his soul. The music starts in the manner of a legend and develops into a miniature drama. It is a song which afterwards haunted the composer himself; following the example of Schubert, he made it the theme of a piece of chamber music—his splendid string quartet, of which it colors three movements, and which, as he informed the editor of this volume, was written in the country after his soul had been harrowed by heartrending experiences.

25. 'T was on a Lovely Eve in June (Am schönsten Sommerabend war's). In this poem by J. Paulsen, one of Norway's favorite bards, we behold a Norse maiden tending her goats, knitting and gazing dreamily over the fjord. The music is an exact echo of the poem, engendering the same summery mood. Heed the dolce e tranquillo! The last bars have a peculiarly haunting quality, and they illustrate one of the most captivating of Grieg's musical traits,—his utter avoidance of the commonplace, particularly at the end of a song or piece, where so many composers are careless, forgetting that all's well that ends well.

26. The Youth (Der Bursch). The high-water mark of Grieg's genius is represented by the nine songs from Nos. 26 to 34 in this collection. They belong in a group of twelve, concerning which Grieg wrote to the editor in 1900: "I was all aflame with enthusiasm when I became acquainted in the spring of 1880 with the poems of Vinje, which embody a deep philosophy of life; and in the course of eight to ten days I composed not only the songs contained in the fourth volume, but others by the same poet which are not yet in print. A. O. Vinje was a peasant by birth. He attempted with his prose works to enlighten the Norwegian people, and these writings, together with his poems, gave him a great national importance." Der Bursch is one of those songs which indicate that despair in the Far North, with its sunless winters, must be a more

hopeless feeling than elsewhere. And the music! How weird its melodic intervals, how disconsolate its strange harmonies! Here we breathe the very air of Norway; there is a tone of Norwegian *Volkstümlichkeit*, which was new at that time,—new in music, new in Grieg, as he himself has said.

27. Springtide (Der Frühling). When Tchaikovsky heard Nina Grieg sing this heavenly song in Leipzig he was moved to tears; and he showed his gratitude subsequently for the great pleasure given, by sending her his own songs, with a cordial dedication. What melodic breadth, what exquisite tenderness, what superbly swelling harmonies and entrancing modulations from key to key, are in this Lied!

28. The Wounded Heart (Der Verwundete). This exquisitely Griegish song is closely associated with the foregoing, not only as following it in the same series, but because the composer arranged them for string orchestra, in which version they were published under the title of $Two \ Elegiac \ Melodies$. They are often heard in concert halls. In a letter to the editor, Grieg explained that while in the songs themselves the profound melancholy of the poems explains the sombre strains of the music, the orchestral version, having no explanatory verses, called for more significant titles, wherefore he called them $The \ Last \ Spring and \ Heart-Wounds.$

29. At the Brookside (An einem Bache). This is one of the best songs for studying—and enjoying—the peculiar melodic intervals and harmonies of Grieg. Every bar seems to have the five letters of his name stamped on it, and the charm of this original musical physiognomy grows on you like the expression of a face that indicates character as well as beauty. There are here melodic steps and harmonic progressions so strange that the uninitiated may almost suspect them to be misprints; but gradually, as the ear becomes habituated to them, they assume an unearthly beauty.

30. A Vision (Was ich sah). A song depicting the

effect of love at first sight—love which failed of fruition and now lives on remembrance only.

31. The Old Mother (Die alte Mutter). A charming song of filial love and gratitude which shows that the romantic infatuation for a beautiful girl is not the only kind of emotion that inspires immortal tone-poems. Here the music is not so inseparably associated with the poem as in Monte Pincio or A Swan; but what a glorious melody, what quaint original harmonies! Original harmonies the composers of our time can still write; but who will pen a melody like this?

32. The Only Thing (Das Erste). This song might be considered a commentary on Otway's lines:

"O woman! lovely woman! Nature made thee To temper man: we had been brutes without you."

33. On the Journey Home (Auf der Reise zur Heimath). Vinje's poem gives expression to the emotions of one who has been away from home and returns to see again the familiar fertile valleys, the snow mountains, and to hear his mothertongue once more. It struck a deeply responsive chord in Grieg's heart, which always remained in Norway when he resided for the time elsewhere, — patriotism and love of home being two of the strongest traits in his character. This whole song is of indescribable beauty. Attention is called particularly to the last four bars, in which the composer is overwhelmed with emotion as the memories of youth come back to him. These final bars are a fervent and glorious outburst of feeling, for which few parallels exist in the whole range of music. Note, further, the refreshingly unconventional and poetic ending.

34. Friendship (Ein Freundschaftsstück). The title of this song is obviously sarcastic, as the first four words indicate. All friends are false, the poet wails, because one has stolen away another's chosen spouse. Poignant grief has never been expressed more bitterly than in Grieg's setting of these lines. The strange, weird chords give the effect of an intensified minor. Among Grieg's songs this one occupies the same place that the gruesome Doppelgänger does among Schubert's.



35. Greeting (Gruss). Grieg had a habit of keeping some of his songs in his desk for years before he considered them ripe for the public. When he died, a considerable number, written in the years 1865-1905, were found among his manuscripts, and these are to be issued by Peters in Leipzig. The year of publication does not always coincide with that of composition, and that is the reason why some of those in our collection are undated. As regards opus 48, to which Gruss and the following five numbers belong, the fact that all of them are settings of German poems might arouse the suspicion that they are early songs, written while Grieg was still betraying German influences; but a glance at any page (especially in the first two) will show this guess to be wide of the mark, for these songs reveal Grieg in all the maturity and individuality of his genius. The first of them, Gruss, is a setting of one of Heine's most famous poems.

36. Ere Long, O Heart of Mine (Dereinst, Gedanke mein). "The realm of harmony was always my dream-world"-these words of Grieg are vividly recalled by his wonderful setting of Geibel's poem offering the peace of the grave as a solace for life's disappointments. Musicians sometimes hear in their dreams harmonies which seem more delicious, more thrilling, than any ever heard by them when awake. This song contains such dream-world harmonies, especially in bars 10-17, which are like a vision of peace and bliss beyond the grave. Excepting Liszt's setting of Goethe's Ueber allen Gipfeln ist Ruh (O'er the Tree-tops all is at Rest), known as Wanderer's Night Song (included in Fifty Mastersongs), there is perhaps in the whole realm of music no song so ethereal as this. But let no one try to sing or play it who ignores the least expression mark, who knows not the difference between pp and ppp, or who cannot subtly accent and increase or decrease a tone even when singing or playing ppp.

37. The Way of the World (Lauf der Welt). There are cases of infatuation where everything is understood without a formal proposal, and a kiss is

granted as spontaneously as the first glance of love. Uhland's poem tells of such a case, and Grieg has added a merry musical commentary as spontaneous as the glance and the kiss. Here, as in most of the Grieg songs, much of the effect depends on the artistic use of the sustaining pedal. This song will some day have a sensational success in concert halls. The singers have not discovered it yet.

38. The Silent Nightingale (Die verschwiegene Nachtigall). Walther von der Vogelweide was born about the year 1160, and he was the best lyric poet of mediaeval Germany, an inspired singer of Minnelieder, or songs of love. Grieg's music is as full of bird twitterings and flowers and trees as the poem. Bars 19-22 are particularly Griegish.

39. In Time of Roses (Zur Rosenzeit). This is the only Goethe song in our collection. Germany's greatest poet was not free from jealousy, and there is reason to believe that he disapproved of some of Schubert's settings of his songs, not because he did not think them good enough, but because he thought them too good; the beauty of the music was likely to eclipse the poems! He might have felt the same way about Grieg's music to his Rosenzeit; yet such jealousy is foolish, for did not Schubert and Grieg simply translate the poems into music, retaining all their subtle charms and their moods?

40. A Dream (Ein Traum). To Friedrich von Bodenstedt, better known as Mirza-Schaffy, Germany owes some of her choicest lyric poems. Ein Traum is a love-song in the Heine vein; Grieg has made of it a Lied which is perhaps the most effective of all his songs for the concert hall, rising at the end to a stirring climax.

41. The Mother Sings (Die Mutter singt). When Grieg wrote this lugubrious heartrending song of the infant on the bier he was inspired by the mournful memories of his own daughter, who had died so young, and concerning whom Van der Stucken wrote: "How tenderly he would mention her name and relate incidents of her

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short life!" Yet even the pain of a father's wounded heart does not fully explain the quiet but intensely agonizing spirit of this music. There is in it also that national sombreness which makes even some of the dances of the Norwegians seem more like the dirges of other nations, and which in the case of an actual dirge like this becomes simply heartrending. It is significant that this song is dedicated to Johannes Messchaert (see the comments on No. 5).

42. In the Boat (Im Kahne). Lilli Lehmann, Nordica, and Gadski often sing this song in the concert hall with splendid effect. It is a true song of the fjord, with glimpses of the water, the fishing, the dancing and love-making natives, the cries of the gulls. In No. 4 of this same opus, *A Bird cried o'er the Lonely Sea*, Grieg, as he informed the editor, embodied in the introductory bars a melodico-rhythmic motive which he heard from a gull in the Sognefjord; but as the music is on the whole less interesting, preference is here given to this other song of the fjord. It illustrates, among other things, the charm of Grieg's unexpected modulations, in which he equals Schubert.

43. The Mountain Maid (Das Kind der Berge). Grieg suffered a great deal from ill health, especially in the later years of his life; it left him little energy for composing, and that is why he wrote comparatively little during the last two years of his life. Yet what he did write was often equal to the best of what he composed in his more vigorous years. "But oh! the nights!" he wrote to Oscar Meyer in 1897. "Not to be able to get a wink of sleep, and to be almost choked with phlegm! Life is truly delightful!" he adds sarcastically. The following year he sent this friend proof-sheets of his new songs, opus 67 (subsequently published under the title of The Mountain Maid), concerning which he added this interesting information: "Kindly inform X [the English translator] that the subject concerns a peasant girl, and that the original therefore presents a national or folk-lore style. What a pity that you cannot read, in the original,

Garborg's lovely pastoral, Hugtussa, from which these poems have been taken! It is a masterpiece, full of simplicity and depth, and indescribably beautiful in color. That these songs (opus 67) are essentially different from any of my former ones cannot escape your fine perception of such things." Of the eight songs in opus 67, five deserve a place in our collection, but two of them (Zickeltanz-another favorite of Lilli Lehmann-and Ein böser Tag) must reluctantly be omitted. No. 2, The Mountain Maid, is one of the very best of the Grieg songs, delightfully melodious, harmonically quaint and original. It combines the freshness of youth with the depth of mature genius, and a touch of the Norwegian melancholy.

44. The Tryst (Stelldichein). A love-song with the warm blood of youth in its veins. Note the energetic pulse of the middle voices in the pianoforte part. Destined to become a favorite.

45. Love (Liebe). Another ardent love-song, with the hall-mark of Grieg stamped on every bar. An unquenchable fire, like that of *Tristan*, warms this music. If all the world loves a lover, all the world cannot fail to love this love-song.

46. At Mother's Grave (Am Grabe der Mutter). In 1900 Grieg wrote to the editor of this volume that he had ready for the autumn a further collection of songs which would be "of a cosmopolitan character." They show, as some of the songs of his second period do, that he had learned from Wagner (as he frankly admitted) to perfect his declamation. We have room for only two of them. In At Mother's Grave we find the composer once more in his most mournful mood. This Lento Funebre is really a funeral march, most poignant in its expression of grief. It would undoubtedly make an impressive orchestral dirge. The editor once wrote to Grieg suggesting he should make an orchestral funeral march of this song, but tore up the letter for fear Grieg might see something ominous in such a suggestion, at his age, and with his very poor health.

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47. Dreams (Träume). This story of a lover who, failing to win the object of his fancy, finds consolation in dreaming of her, but loses even that pleasure on awaking, is not taken by the composer too seriously. There are plenty of fish in the sea! But it is good music, cosmopolitan, and with no suggestion of the fjord.

48. *Eros.* Concert singers will find this a valuable number for their purposes. There is less of the essence of Grieg in it than in most of these songs, but it has "go," and at the end there is an imposing climax.

49, 50. Radiant Night (Lichte Nacht); Take Good Heed (Sieh' dich vor). While Number 49 is sufficiently cosmopolitan to please even that German critic who objected to Grieg because he "stuck in the fjord," No. 50 takes us back to the fjord, where most of us like him best,—the fjord, where he sang his loveliest melodies and dreamed his quaintest harmonies. As Leonard Liebling has aptly remarked: "It is stupid to reproach Grieg with being too national. Had he been less so he would not now be universal. That is a curious paradox in music. See Tchaikovsky, Dvořák, Smetana, Verdi, Wagner, and others,"—notably Chopin.

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New York, September 15, 1908.



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FIFTY SONGS BY EDVARD GRIEG

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MORNING DEW (morgenthau)

(Composed in 1868)

(Original Key)

ADELBERT von CHAMISSO (1781-1888) English version by Nathan Haskell Dole

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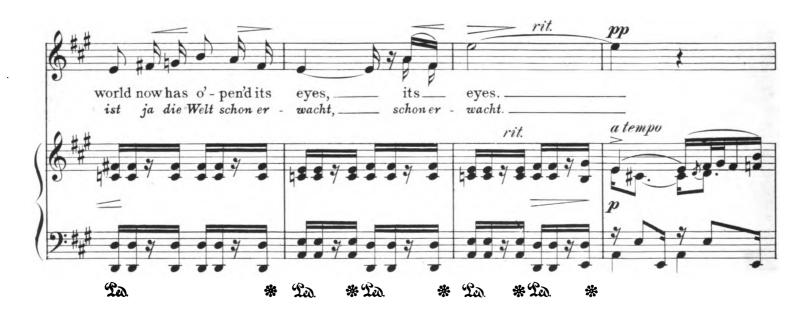
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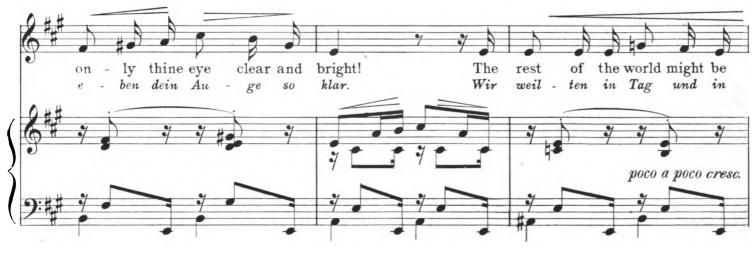




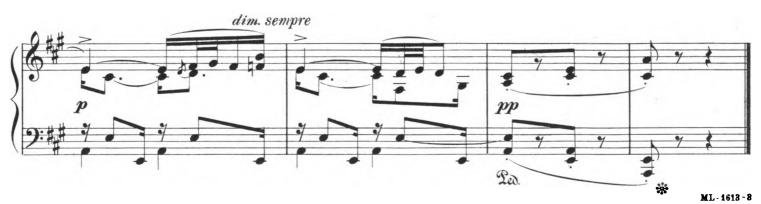


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MY MIND IS LIKE A PEAK SNOW-CROWNED (MEIN SINN IST WIE DER MÄCHT'GE FELS)

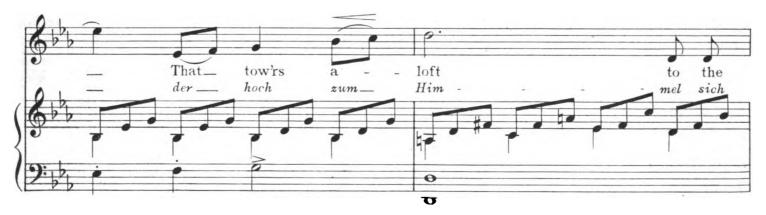
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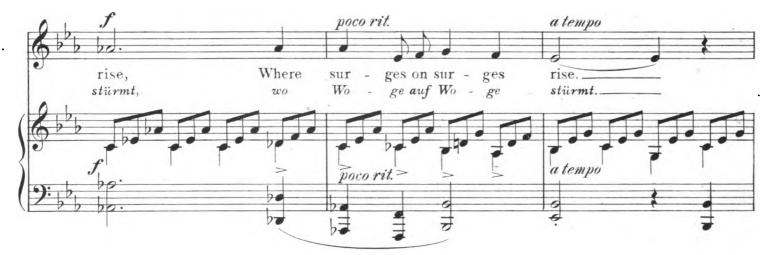


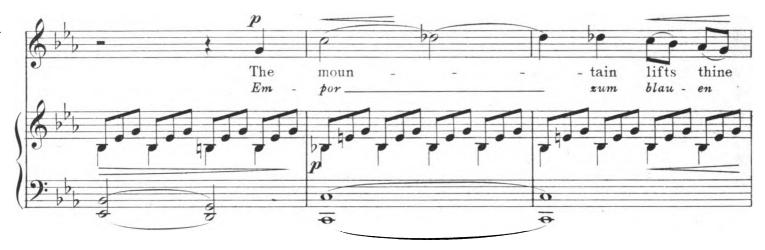


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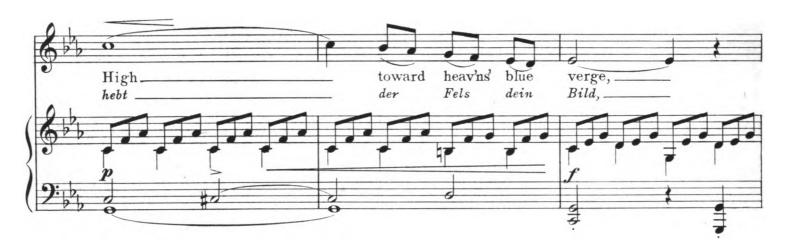


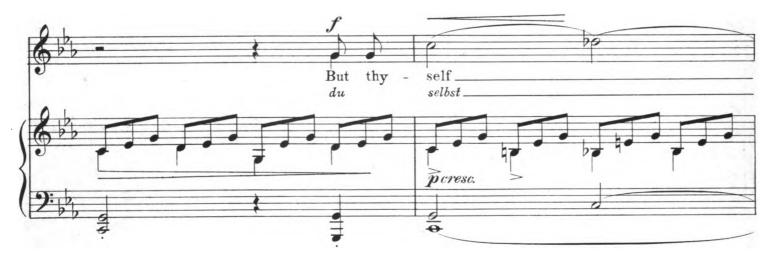




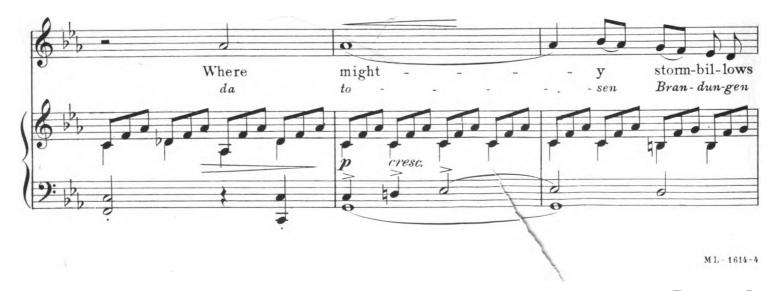
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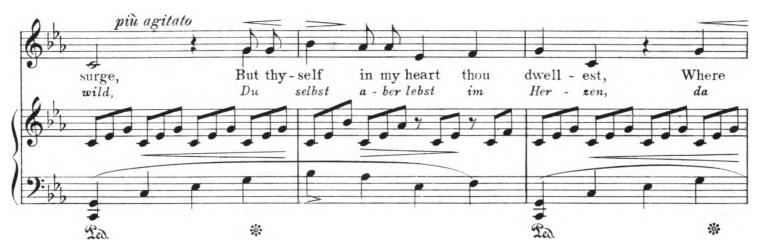
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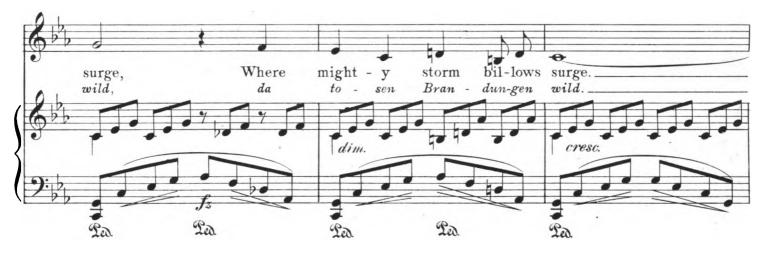














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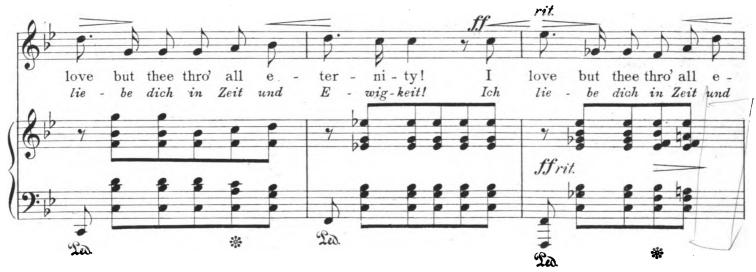
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THE POET'S HEART (DES DICHTERS HERZ)

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CRADLE SONG (WIEGENLIED)

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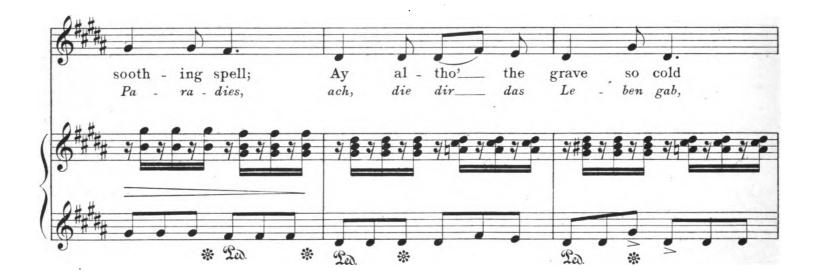
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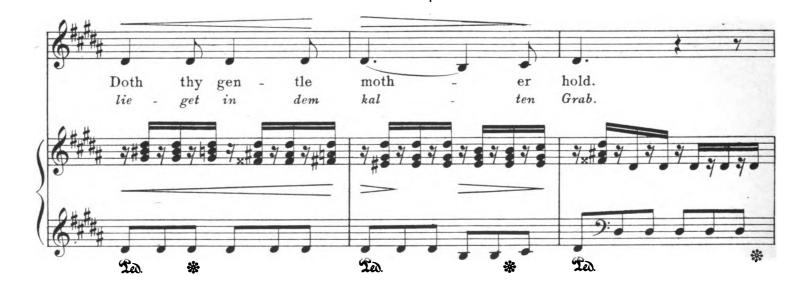
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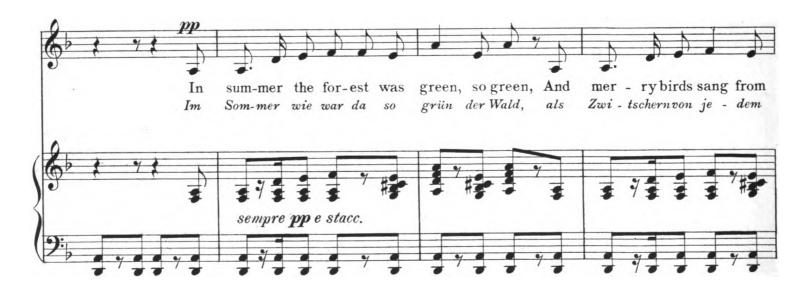












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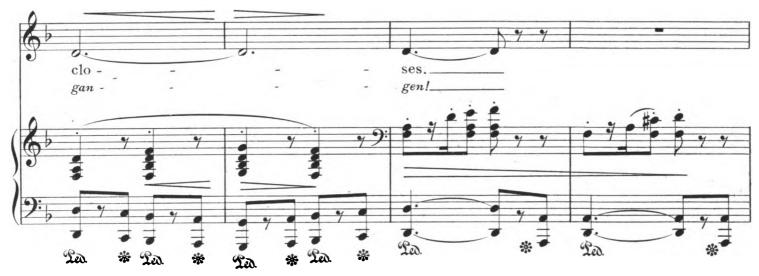






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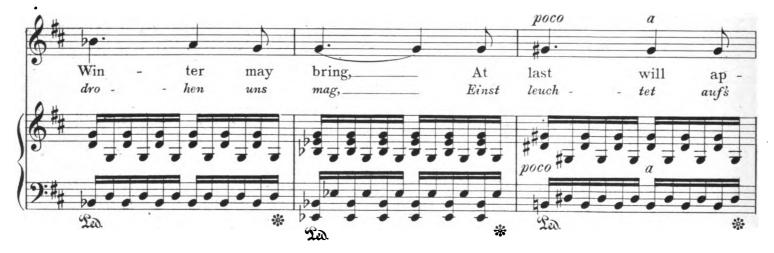




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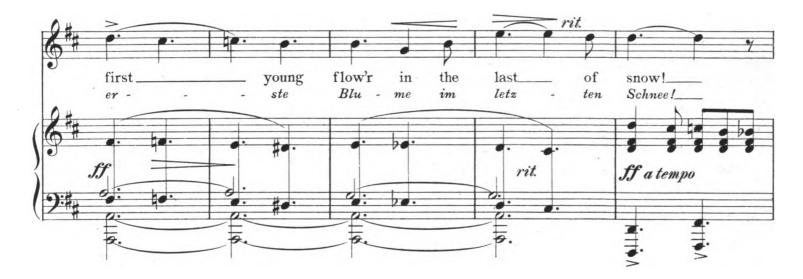














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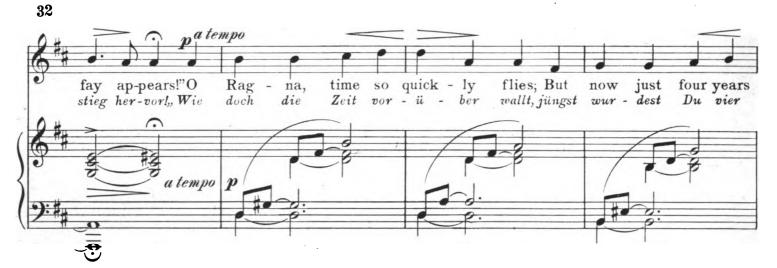
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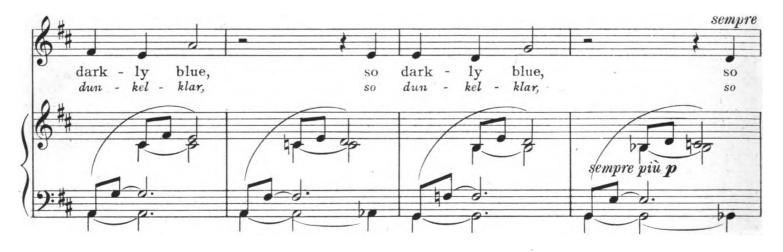


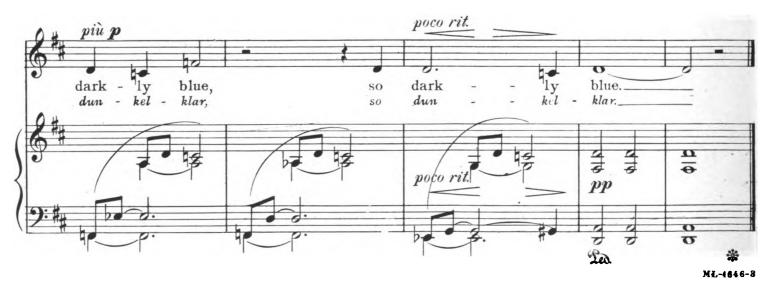


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MARGARET'S CRADLE SONG (MARGARETHENS WIEGENLIED)

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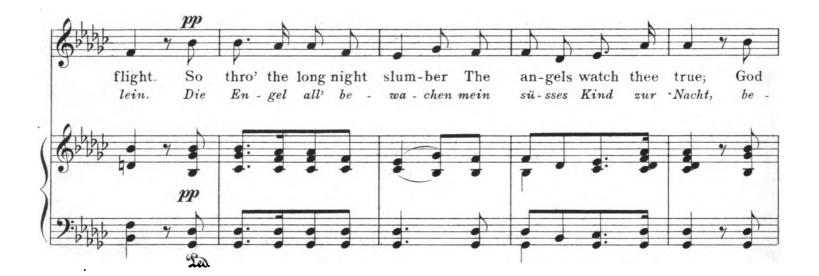
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WOODLAND WANDERING (WALDWANDERUNG)

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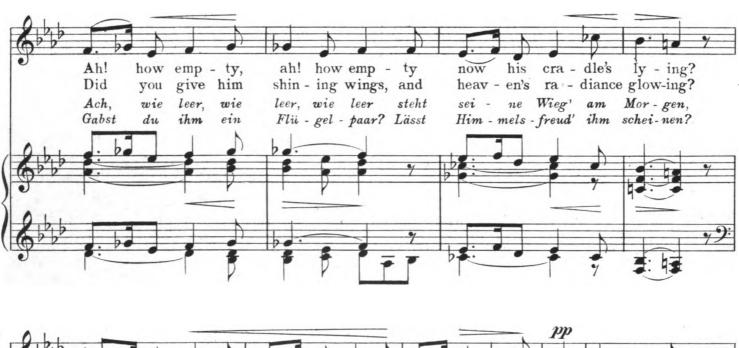
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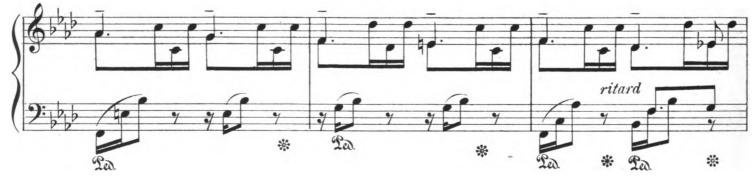


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GOOD MORNING! (GUTEN MORGEN!)

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(Original Key,D)

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FIRST MEETING (ERSTES BEGEGNEN)

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FROM MONTE PINCIO (VOM MONTE PINCIO)

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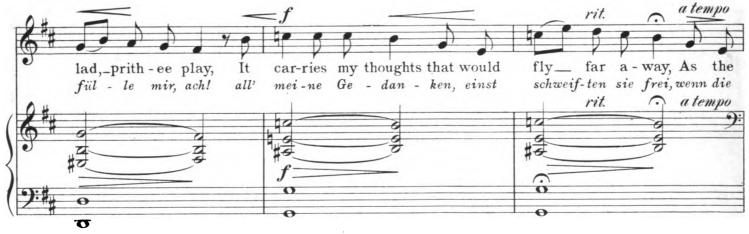
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MY SONG TO THE SPRING I PROFFER (dem lenz soll mein lied erklingen)

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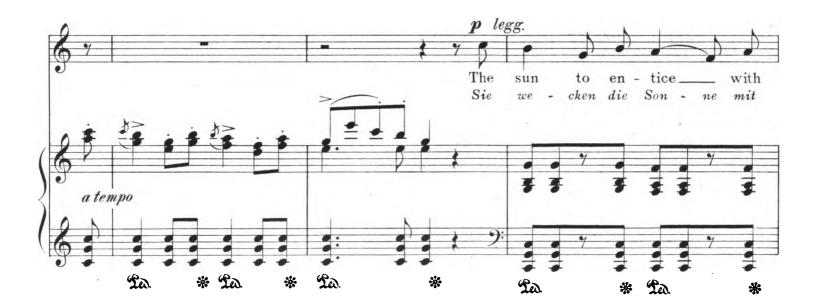
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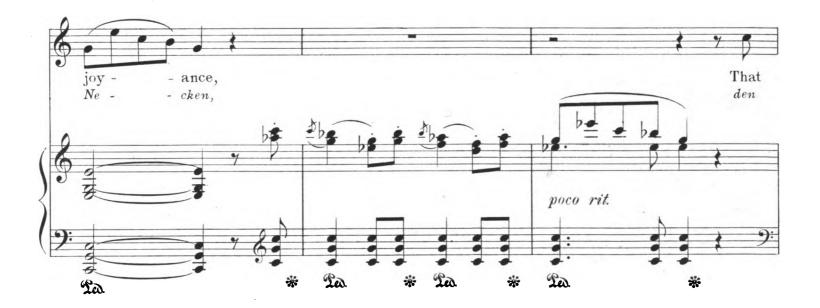


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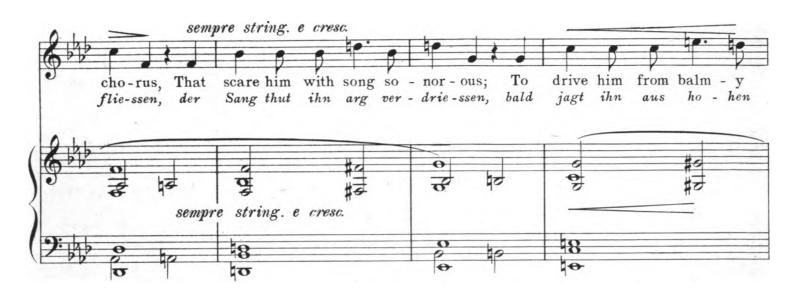
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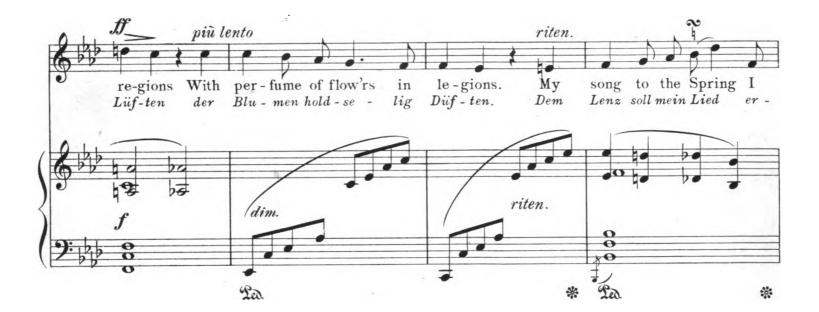




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HIDDEN LOVE (VERBORG'NE LIEBE)

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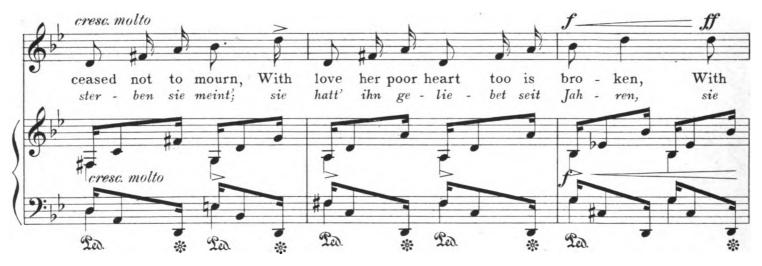


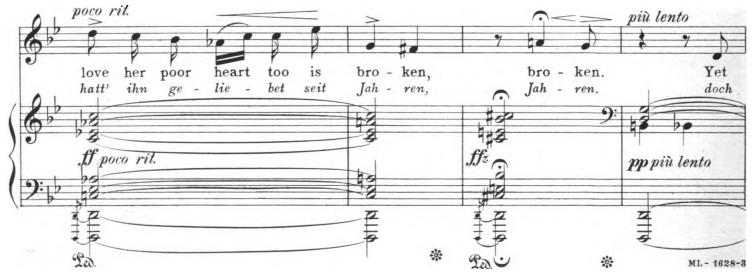
















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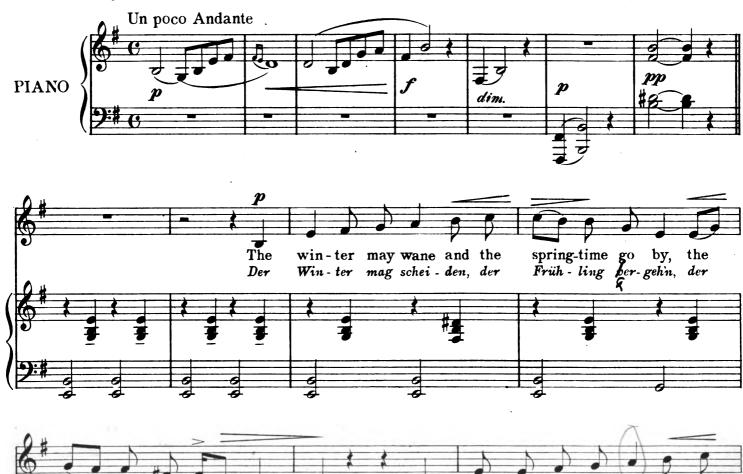
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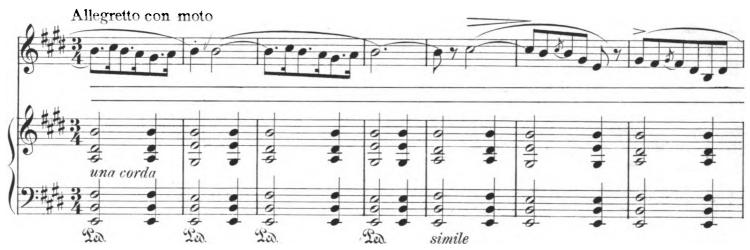


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THE FIRST PRIMROSE (MIT EINER PRIMULA VERIS)

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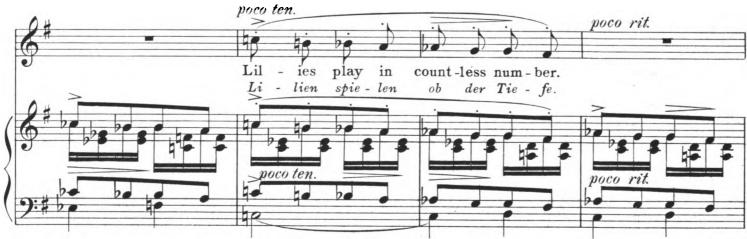
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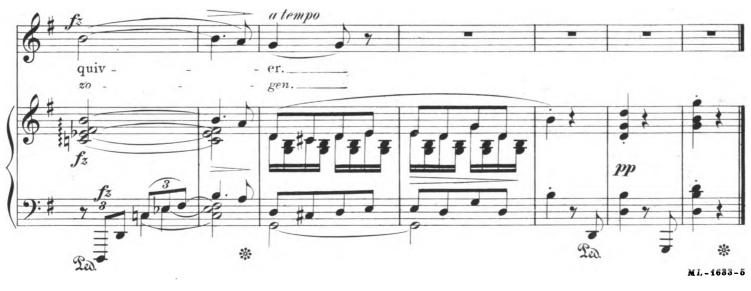
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MINSTREL'S SONG (SPIELMANNSLIED)

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'TWAS ON A LOVELY EVE IN JUNE (AM SCHÖNSTEN SOMMERABEND WAR'S)

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dolce e tranquillo Fels stand licht und die Son - ne schwand, der Fjord war blau und Strich - zeug still auf der Haus - flur die Zie - gen - heer - de sass, am lei - ne, ein - sam! Ihr wird wohl bang? ObSehn - sucht wohl ü bern dolce e tranquillo rocks stood bright in blue, The fiord was the sun - set sheen, the While knit-ting there in the si - lent dell, flocks were feed - ing up fears come o - ver lone? Be yond those hills have her her there a -2 13: pp dolce * Led. * Led. Led. * grün und der Strand, Som lüf te und mer Fel - sen frass, die thät hii - ten, sie und Fels fer Lie - der! sich schwang? Horch, ne rings --. V green, flow - ers mead - ows And of From scent on the fell; Her herds she tend - ed As flown? Sets fan - cies Hark! dis - tant sing - ing 1 4 b#: 2: p b=. Led. * tranquillo dim. düf - te, Bir - ken still das Land. und lind durch's Gras. Quel - len glit - ten ge -Weh - muths - klang. hallt es wie - der wie tranquillo dim b wood-land bow - ers Re fresh'd the scene. wend - ed gen - tly The rip - pling rill. With mourn-ful tone. ech - oes ring - ing 5 dim. 7. Led. \mathcal{X} ML-1685-2

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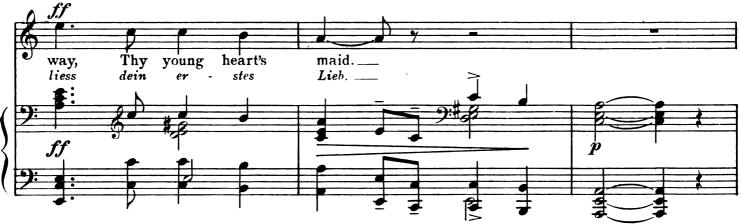
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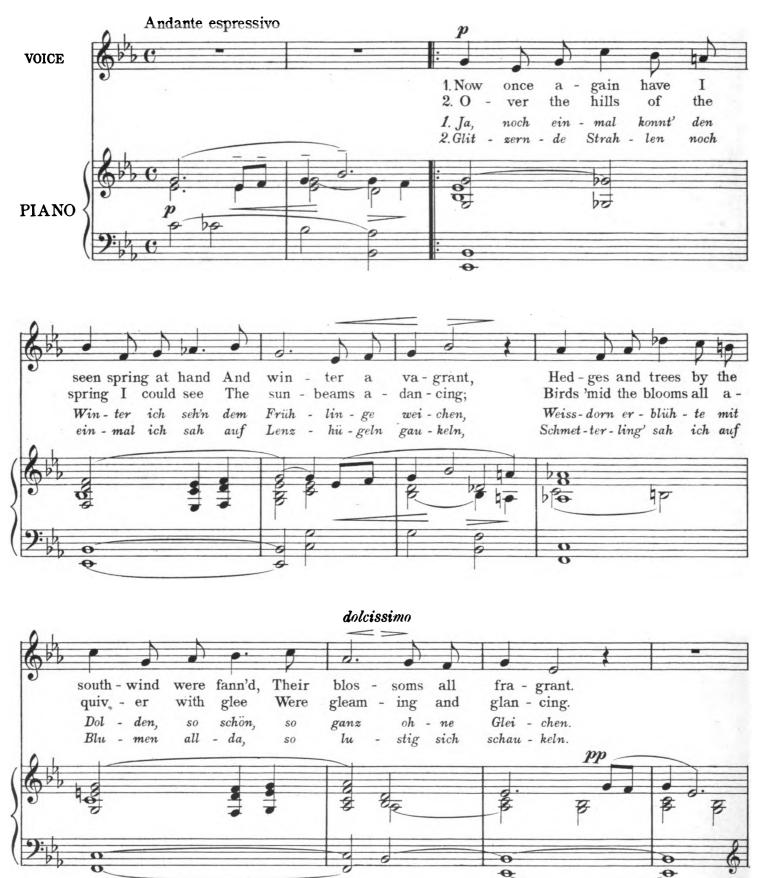
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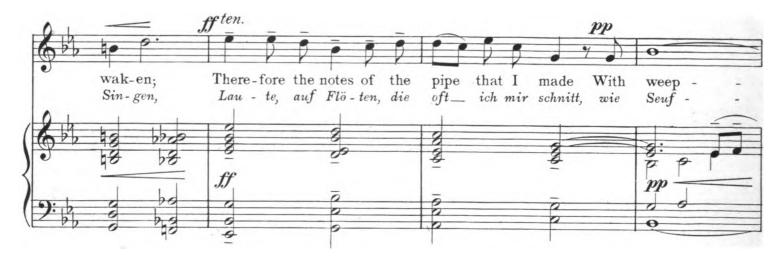
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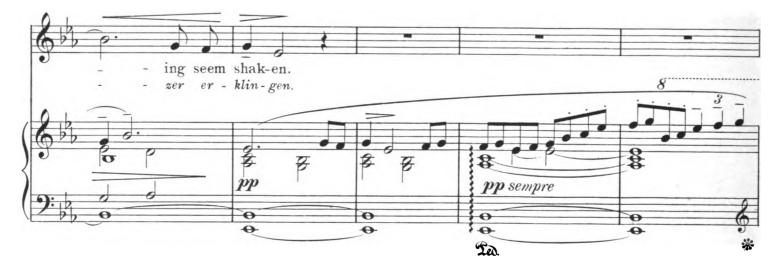


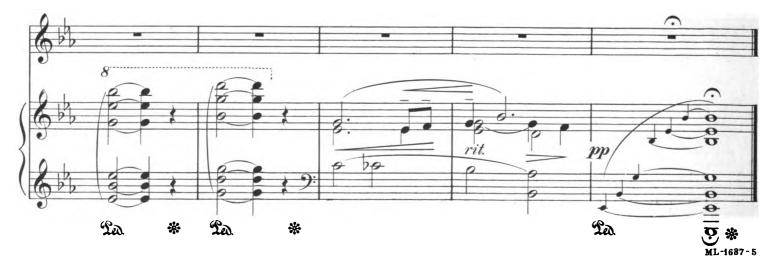
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2. But wound on wound Re - main with their mem-ries apscar on scar af-ter 3. But flow'rs will bloom on the scars that close, And tears fall up - on them in 2. Doch Narb' auf Nar - be und Wund' auf Wund' schon seh ich auf bei den 3. Doch sieh, ein Flor aus den Nar - ben spriesst und Blu-men ent-blühn aus den 0 0 D 0 0 e 0 cresc. . . They pal - ling; a - fresh when the comes round, When ope Spring For show-ers. in spring on the earth it goes; When so Len Sei - ten, sie öff nen sich in des zes Stund'; wenn's Thrä - nen. So geht's der Erd', wenn sie sich er - schliesst, wenn neu 6 6 100 100 cresc. 10 $b\hat{0}$ 0 20 6 is found, And loud the cuck - oo leaves un-curl and no ice 18 and dew kind - ly heav'n be-stows; From wounds spring forth fair-est rain Eis zer-bricht bis zum Mee - res-grund, der Ku - ckuck ruft in den Him - mel fliesst, zu Blu - men wird dann dein Re gen mil - de vom 6 1 #18 xHB 1 Θ 00 molto 0 6 And call - ing. call - ing, loud the cuck 00 is -From wounds spring forth fair-est flow-ers. flow - ers, Wei - ten, Ku - ckuck ruft Wei - ten. in den der Seh Blu Seh - nen. - nen, zu - men wird danndein 6 20 87. ANA O 100 3 20 cresc. molto ffz dim O Ω 4 d. 0 -. M L- 1638-2

AT THE BROOKSIDE (AN EINEM BACHE)

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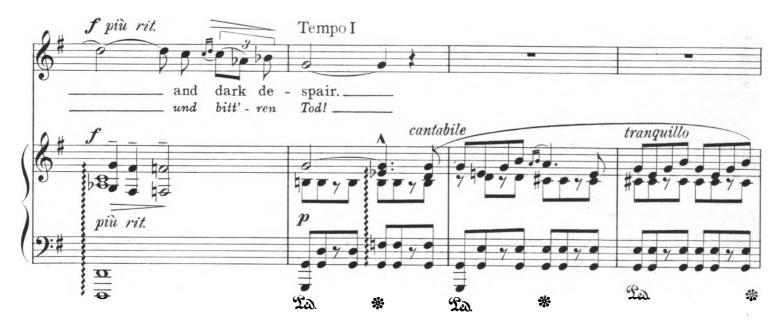






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A VISION (WAS ICH SAH)

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THE OLD MOTHER (DIE ALTE MUTTER)

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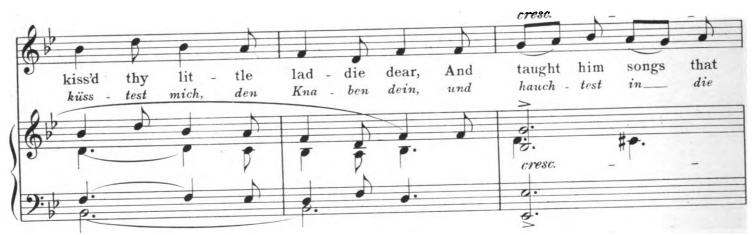
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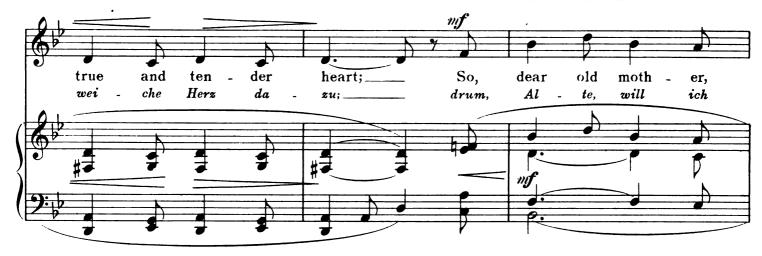






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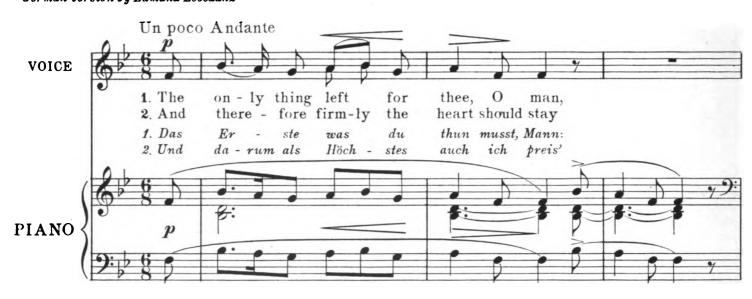
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THE ONLY THING

(DAS ERSTE)

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(AUF DER REISE ZUR HEIMATH) (Composed in 1880) A.O.VINJE (1818-1870) (Original Key, Db) EDVARD GRIEG, Op. 33, Nº 9 English version by Nathan Haskell Dole German version by Edmund Lobedanz Andante tranquillamente VOICE 1. The vales and moun _ tains am Ι now sur -2. Ay! life streams o'er me as it once came 1. Nun seh' ich heh -- re Berg' und Thä - ler 2. Ja, Le - ben auf mich, wie Wel - len strömt PIANO ppσ Which vey ing in my long - past youth Ι to used grass stream - ing When drifts green 'neath the be - gan to wie - der, gleich de die ich in der Kind - heit nen, schäu - men, Schnee Grü - nes wenn wie - der un - ter'm ich 0 ppThe know; same pure breez -- es round my brow are days show .. Ι dream as in the old Ι went sah, _ Stirn küh - ler auf mei - ne weht Wind her schau'; ich träu - me noch, konnt' der Kna be \$0 $pp_>$

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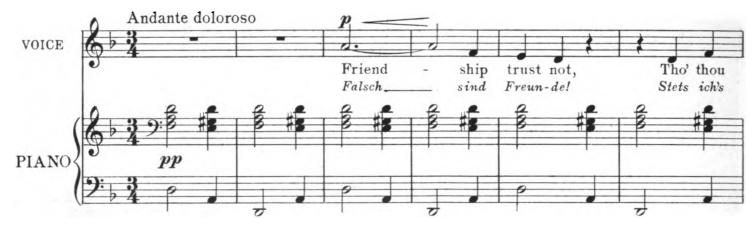
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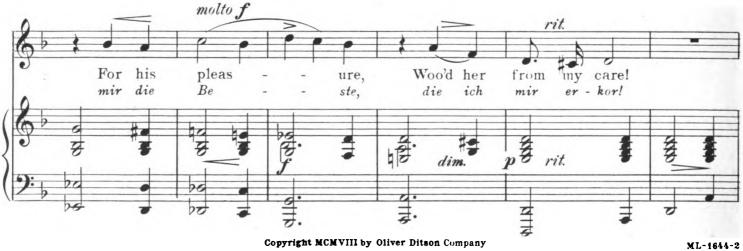
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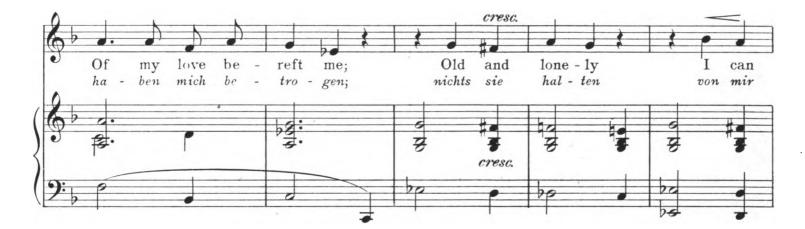


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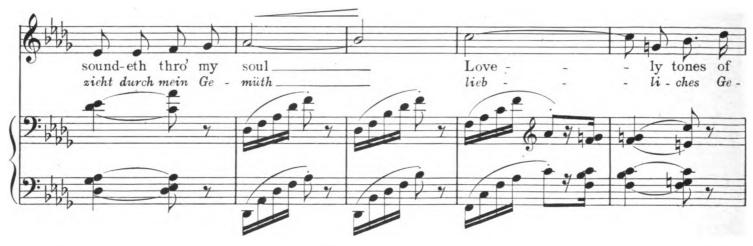
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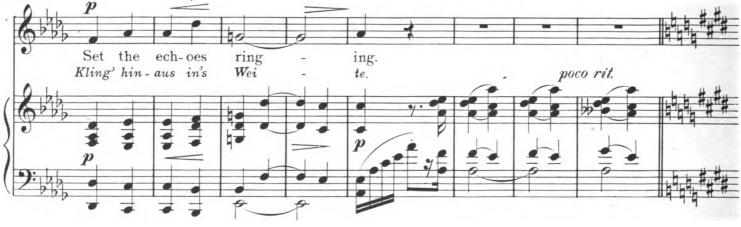
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HEINRICH HEINE (1799-1856)



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ERE LONG, O HEART OF MINE (DEREINST, GEDANKE MEIN) EMANUEL GEIBEL (1815-1884) (Original Key, B) EDVARD GRIEG, Op. 48, Nº2 English version by Charles Fonteyn Manney Molto Andante VOICE Ere long, 0 heart of mine, Der - einst, Ge dan - ke mein, 1 pp PIANO 4 cresc. ed agitato 0 fold thee, Tho Doth still en love's un-rest Shall peace be thine. dich still nicht wer - den, wirst ru hig sein. Lässt Lie - bes - gluth C 00 cresc. ed agitato 0 f molto ten. pp dim. Soon No more earth shall hold thee to In slum - ber blest; oh - ne schläfst du dort in küh - ler Er - den da gut; 0 8 15 poco dim. ppmolto ten. 00 0 6 0 0 10 6 ben ten. pp peace be thine. No more to Shall love, pine,__ Pein. wirst ru - hig sein. Lieb und oh - ne ppp 0 9 9 0 0 σ • σ

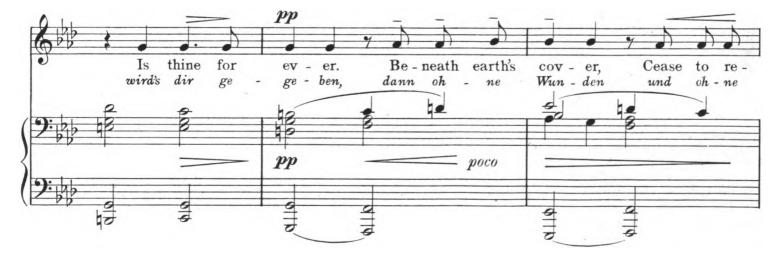
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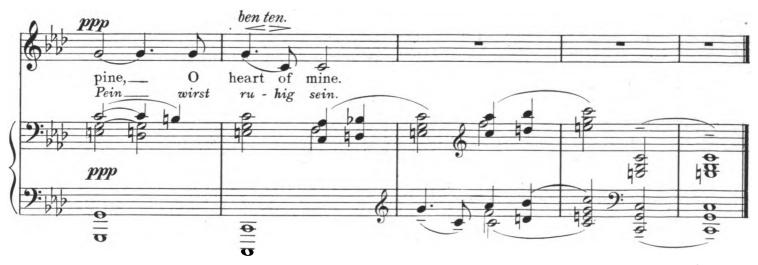
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THE WAY OF THE WORLD (LAUF DER WELT)

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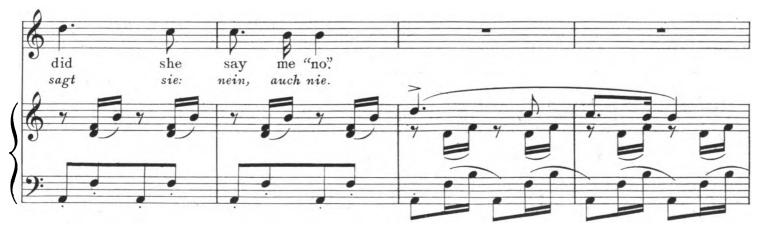
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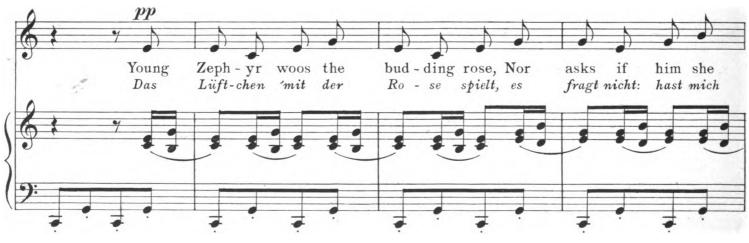
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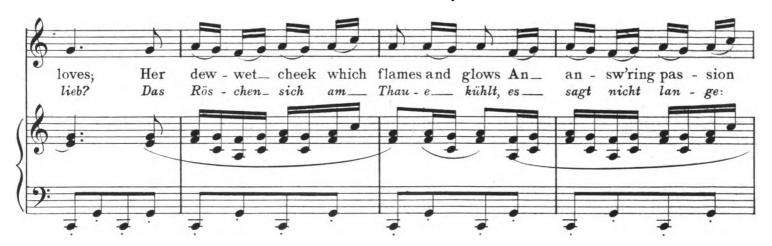




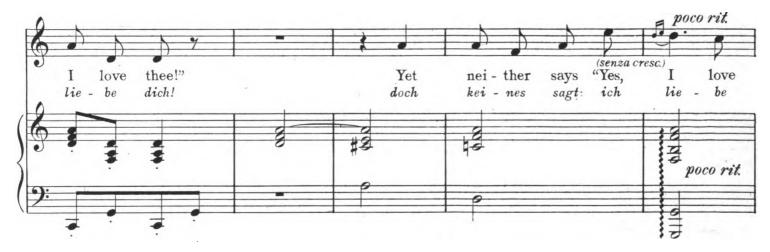




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THE SILENT NIGHTINGALE (DIE VERSCHWIEGENE NACHTIGALL)

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IN TIME OF ROSES

(ZUR ROSENZEIT)

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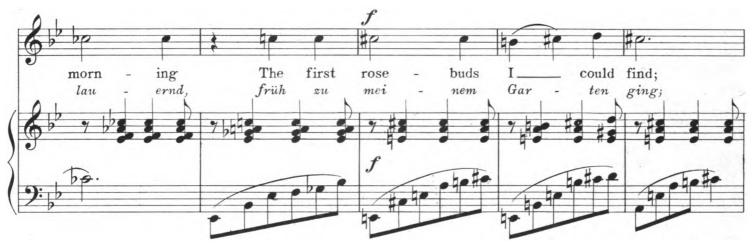
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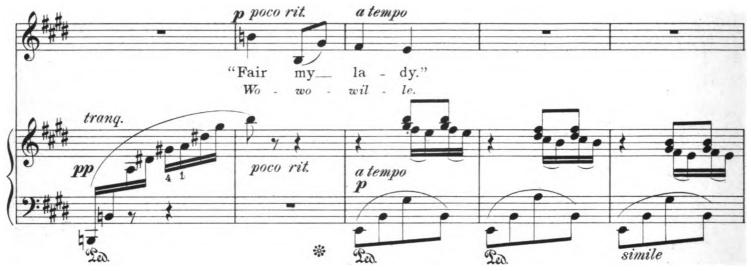
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THE MOUNTAIN MAID (DAS KIND DER BERGE)

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AT MOTHER'S GRAVE (AM GRABE DER MUTTER)

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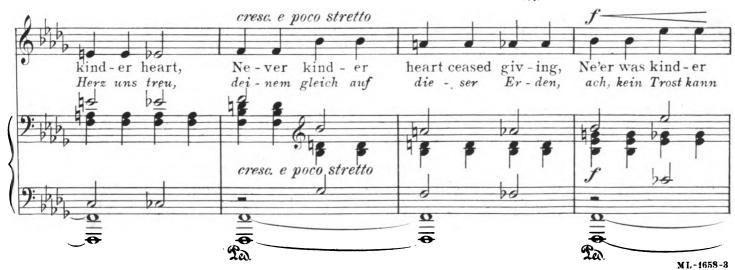
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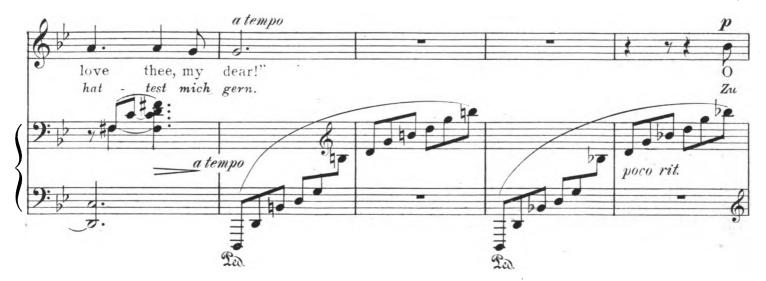


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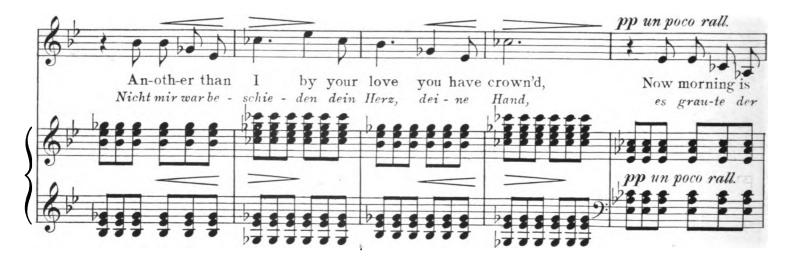






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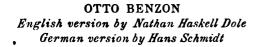






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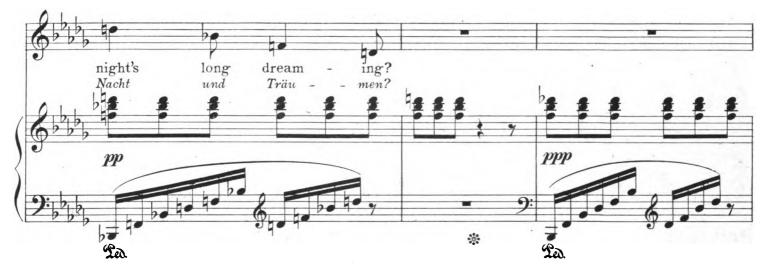
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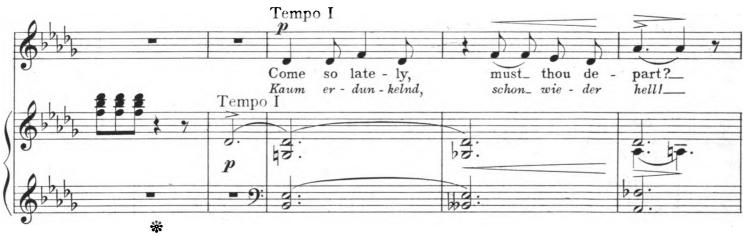
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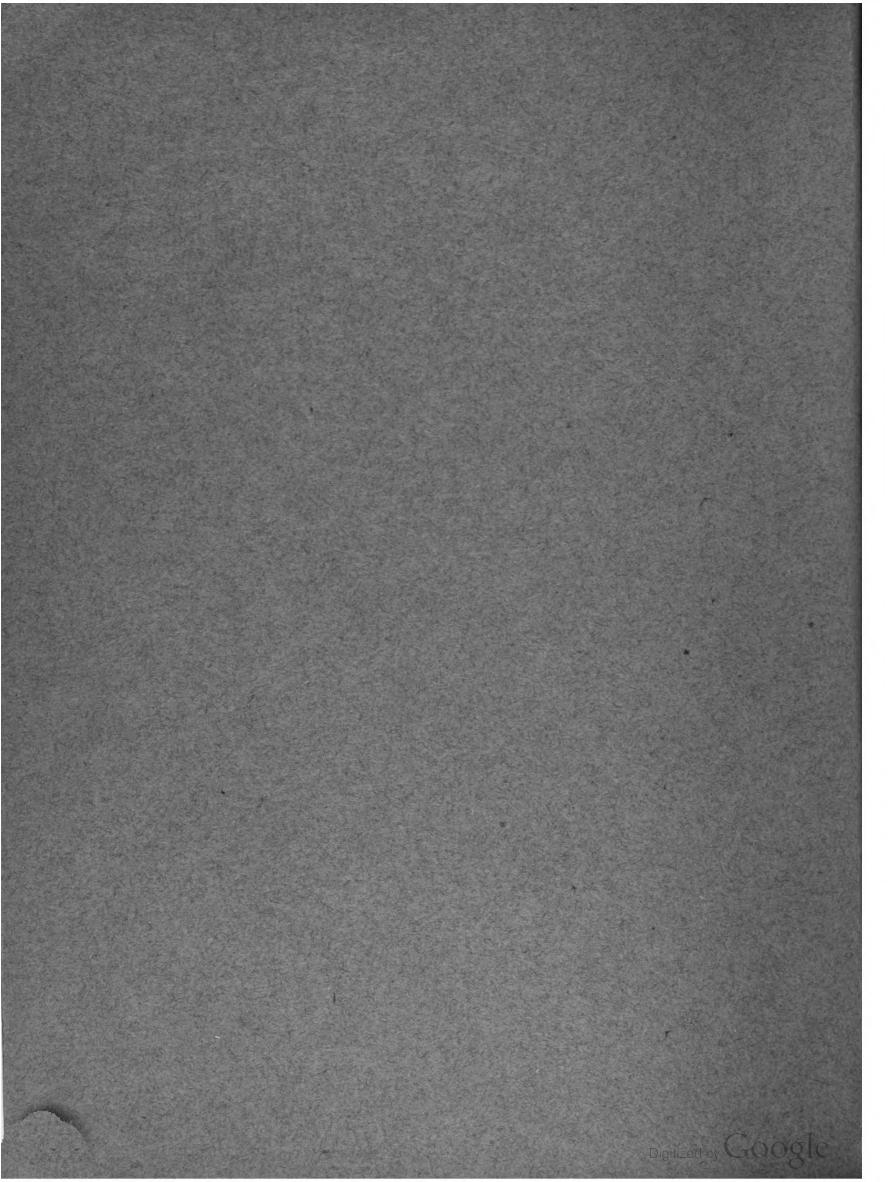
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