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TWO MUSICAL
RELIQS OF MY
MOTHER

"HERMUNDUR ILLI"
&
"AS SALLY SAT A-WEEPING"

Two Pianos, Four Hands

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"TWO MUSICAL RELICS OF MY MOTHER"

During the war, when the United States Army band in which I was serving was expected to go to France at any moment, I recorded for the Duo-Art piano 22 sketches of unfinished compositions and folk-music settings of my own, so that, in all eventualities, these musical ideas would be preserved as reliably and accurately as possible. Amongst these sketches were the two folk-song settings here published, which my beloved mother recorded with me, on two pianos, for the Duo-Art on February 23rd, 1918—she playing substantially the 1st piano part in both cases (though some details of distribution and texture have been changed since 1918). That roll is the only record extant of her piano playing and is about to be released by the Æolian Company with the following title and number:

"TWO MUSICAL RELICS OF MY MOTHER"

For two pianos, by Percy Aldridge Grainger
Played by Rose Grainger and Percy Grainger

Duo-Art roll Nos. 6760-4

The Æolian Company, New York City, U. S. A.

I am glad that my mother played just these particular things; firstly, because of her special fondness for Faeroe Island Folk-song (she found in it a richness, a warmth, a manliness that led her to prefer it to all other folk-music); secondly, because both these melodies voice a countrified, farmer-like, sturdy gaiety that was so outstanding a feature of her own nature and of the family from which she sprang, and which shone forth so engagingly in the rhythmic robustness of her piano playing. It was amazing, the strength she had in her small body and the volume of tone she could draw from a piano or a guitar (upon which latter instrument she performed a most elaborate and exacting solo part in my "Scotch Strathspey and Reel" at my London chamber-concert of May 21st, 1912, though she had never played the guitar until shortly before the concert). At the same time she had in her playing, as well as in her nature, a naïve and almost saucy gracefulness that endowed soft passages, such as the first verse of "Hermundur illi" (1st piano part), with an irresistibly winsome lilt—at once gentle and vivacious.

The two traditional tunes are given below as noted by their collectors:

"HERMUNDUR ILLI" (Faeroe Island Dance Folk-song)

(Tune No. 7 in "Tanz, Dichtung und Gesang auf den Färöern," by Hjalmar Thuren, Sammelbände der Internationalen Musikgesellschaft, Jahrgang III, Heft 2, 1902, Breitkopf und Härtel.)

♩ = 104

At - li og hann Si - var jall, | vó - ru brö - ður bá - ðir,
táð er mæð av san - ni sagt, | fyrí Sax - land hava teir rá - ðið.
At - li and his broth - er Jarl | Si - var ruled so bold - ly
o'er the land of Sax - on - y; | that as truth was told me.

Kehrrim (refrain)

Nú fel - lur rí - man, | y - vir Brei - ða - fjörð, | har lig - gur ein
Now falls the hoar - frost o - ver Brei - tha Firth; | here li - eth a
bón - di, | dey - ður í dök - ka - ri jörð, | nú fel - lur rí - man.
bond - er, | dead all in the dark earth. | Now falls the hoar - frost.

This tune also appears, under the title "Arngríms synir," on pages 132-133 of Hjalmar Thuren's "Folkesangen paa Færøerne" (Andr. Fred. Høst & Søn's Forlag, Copenhagen, 1908); a unique collection and description of Faeroe Islands Folk-song that should be consulted by all interested in folk-music.

"AS SALLY SAT A-WEEPING" (English Folk-song from Dorsetshire)

(*Journal of the Folk-song Society*, No. 11, page 91.)

Tune noted by
H. E. D. Hammond.

Sung by
Mrs. Hann at Stoke Abbot, June, 1906.

Mixolydian

As Sal - ly sat a - weep - ing down by the sea - side, As Sal - ly sat a -
weep - ing down by the sea - side, "What ails you, my jew - el, what ails you, my -
jew - el, what ails you, my jew - el, And makes you for to cry?"

For the complete text consult the *Journal of the Folk-song Society* above-mentioned. This song is published for voice and piano in "Folk-songs from Dorsetshire" (Novello & Co., Ltd., London) and my use of the melody is made with the kind permission of Novello & Co., Limited.

PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER,
Jan., 1924.

No. 1. "Hermundur Illi" (Hermund the Evil)

Faeroe Island Dance-folksong collected by Hjalmar Thuren

set for 2 pianos

by

PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER

Sketched:
Jan. 3, 1903, London.
April, 1911, London & Zutphen, Holland.

Sturdily, not too fast. ♩ = about 100

Piano I

Piano II

pp

slight

slight

slight

p

13

(keep it *pp*)

slight

27

slight

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I

II

slight

I

mp

45

II

slight

p

7

I

II

p

mp

Bass somewhat to the fore.

I *(mp)*

59

louden slightly

II *mp*

mp

louden slightly

mf Bass somewhat to the fore

I

II

I *f heavy*

77

f Top voice to the fore

II *mf*

mf

I

II

91

I

II

heavy

louden

louden

f to the fore

I

II



6

I *ff* heavy

II *ff*

109

ped. *

I *louden*

II *louden*

123

ped. *

S.P. sustaining pedal *

I *fff*

II *fff*

ped. * *ped.* *

ped. * *ped.* *

№ 2. "As Sally Sat a-Weeping"

English folksong from Dorsetshire (England)

collected by H. E. D. Hammond

set for 2 pianos

by

PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER

(by kind permission of Novello & Co., Ltd., London)

Sketched:
Jan. 4, 1908, London.
Fall of 1912, Slettestrand, Jutland, Denmark.

Fast $\text{♩} = \text{about } 63$

mf detached

Piano I

Piano II

sf *sf* *lightly* *heavy*

sf *p* *lightly* *feelingly* *mp* *P lightly*

lightly

lightly

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I

mf

II

f **18** *(f)*

mf short *mf short*

I

II

I

louden

II

louden

Red.

I

ff heavy

II

hammeringly **34**

ff

* bumpingly

heavy, to the fore

heavy, to the fore

hold back very slightly

fff

hold back very slightly

fff fiercely

small hands

Lead *

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