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In Sherwood Forest.

A glade in Sherwood. The Hour before Dawn. The Moon has set. Fairies of Oberon's Court dance in the dim star-light.

FAIRIES.

Sing, fairies sing!
Dance in a ring!
Round and round and round!

THEIR SENTINEL.

Have a care!

FAIRIES.

Who goes there?

WILL O' THE WISP. (answering)
Will o' the Wisp!

FAIRIES.

Welcome, Will!

WILL O' THE WISP.
Who are ye?

FAIRIES.

Oberon's Court!
Lend thy lamp
To light our sport!
Round and round!

THEIR SENTINEL.

Have a care!

FAIRIES.

Who goes there?

THISTLEDOWN. (answering)

Thistledown!

FAIRIES.

Welcome, gossip! What's o' clock?

THISTLEDOWN.

Near cock-crow!

FAIRIES.

Whither away?

THISTLEDOWN.

Where winds blow!

Away! away! away!

(The voice is lost in distance)

FAIRIES. (continuing their dance)

Round and round and round!

THEIR SENTINEL.

Have a care!

FAIRIES.
Who goes there?

THE WIND. (answering.)
West-Wind!

FAIRIES.

Welcome, Shepherd! Where's thy flock?

THE WIND.

I have driven my flock to fold From the pasture of the skies; Where stars peep out like Marigold, Or Daisies' yellow eyes:

> The Dawn's a-bed, Sweet sleepy-head, Her misty tent Doth hide her! The Dawn's a-bed, Sweet sleepy-head, And I must haste To chide her!

(The Fairies take up the burden and sing with him.)

FAIRIES.

Stay, Zephyr, stay! Stay with us, Play with us! Stay!

WEST WIND.

Nay! I must away—
'Tis nearly morning:
Give you good-day,
And take you warning—
Of Mortals beware!

FAIRIES.

Where be Mortals?

WEST WIND.
Nigh!

FAIRIES.

Who hath seen them?

WEST WIND.

I!
He they call"Robin Hood"
Lies now within Sherwood!

FAIRIES.

Ah!

Come then, oh come away!
Come away, come!
Sound the fairy horn!
Beat the fairy drum!
Mortals are nigh,
So we must fly
Away- away- away!

(The day breaks.)

IN SHERWOOD FOREST.









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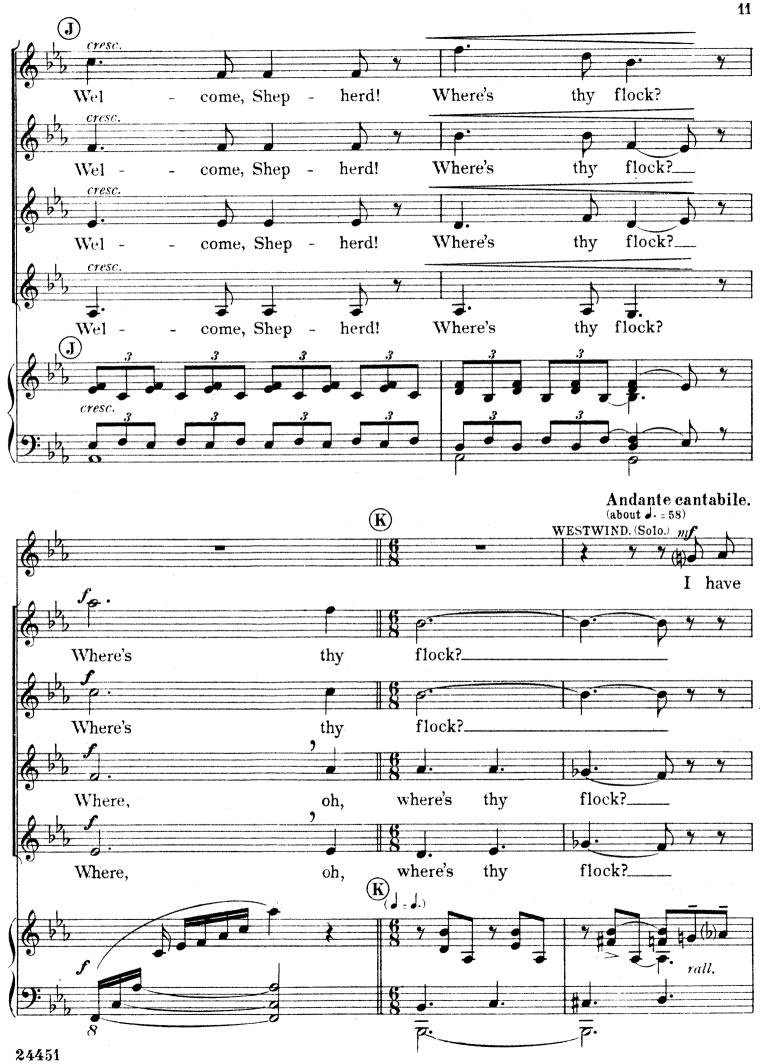






























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