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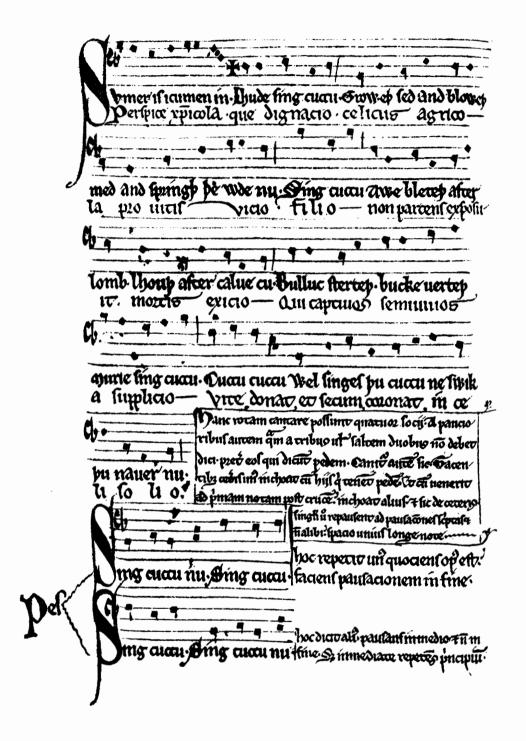
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FACSIMILE OF THE OLD NORTHUMBRIAN ROUND, "SUMMER IS ICUMEN IN," THE MOST REMARKABLE ANCIENT MUSICAL COMPOSITION KNOWN TO BE IN EXISTENCE. DATE, CIRCA 1225 A.D.

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→HE saying "Life without art is brutality" represents a real fact of life. Man's creative faculty, however it arose, - whether it be involved in our nature as an image of the Divine, or whether, as some say, it has arisen merely as a by-product of brain-chemistry, - man's creative faculty is at any rate among those traits that most sharply differentiate him from the animal world, to which on one side of his nature he belongs. Of course there is a sense in which no man is altogether without art, art being the embodiment in material form of some idea or emotion; for when we speak the simplest sentence, we are using material vibrations and forms to express our thought. Speech is a form of art; but in its more restricted sense, as used in this celebrated phrase, the word still conveys a real meaning. No great nation—as we mean great—has been without the arts either of poetry, painting, sculpture, architecture, or music; and those portions of a nation which are comparatively without them are precisely those which are least removed from brute-life.

It has often been brought against England, as a serious reproach, that she has no music, and in that sense is in a state of comparative brutality. This dictum is disputable on two grounds. No nation has ever been — or, probably, ever will be-equally great in all the five arts. English poetry is one of the glories of the world. Few races have existed in which there has been, over such long periods, so continuous a stream of poetry of really high quality. Not only have the English produced perhaps the greatest figure in all poetry, -- certainly one of the two or three greatest, - but at almost no period has the river altogether ceased flowing. Even in the sceptical and formal eighteenth century, Pope, Gray, Goldsmith, Burns, and others were living and working, and kept up a trickling stream which, in the last-named, began to swell again to its normal volume. The body of English poetry, as a

whole, is certainly not a thing to cause us to be a reproach and a hissing among the nations. In painting we have a school which, though for long unduly disparaged, is now acknowledged, abroad as well as at home, as an individual and valuable addition to the wealth of the world: while in water-color painting the English school stands alone. In architecture we have perhaps not so much to say for ourselves. We have some of the grandest buildings in the world in our ancient cathedrals: but these are rather the products of a continental wave of thought than a very individual expression of our own national consciousness, though they have their own distinct characteristics. Our domestic Elizabethan architecture is, however, a discovery of our own, and one that is unlike anything else in the world. Here, then, are three arts, in one of which we occupy a place certainly inferior to that of no other nation, while in the other two we are at least in a respectable position. In sculpture, it is to be feared, there is not much to be said for us. We have some good work: but it cannot be pretended that there is a great English School of Sculpture. Largely owing to our climate, it is atmosphere, and all the magical effects of the play of light through changeful sun and cloud, that appeal more especially to us: and these are not the qualities that enter so much into the completed thought and clearcut forms of statuary.

In music the case is different. The reproach is really not a just one, and is largely due to a want of historical perception on the part of our somewhat hasty critics. For the two hundred years extending from about 1675–1875, we went through a kind of eclipse, it is true, just at the time that Germany was rising to her finest efflorescence in musical art: and it is this fact that has led to the somewhat hurried verdict just mentioned. Just as winter does not characterize the whole year, just as the "Dark Ages" do not represent European life as a whole, so the winter

of music in England should not be taken as representative of the national mind. And after all, the term the "Dark Ages" is a misnomer: there was real intellectual life going on all through them, Dante being an instance. So, too, there was musical life existent in England, though one must own that it was mostly in a torpid condition. The causes of this hibernation are mysterious. Some have said Puritanism: but then you have to account for that. Some say commercialism; and Mr. Cecil Sharpe, putting it differently, says exteriorizing—fixing the thoughts upon the exterior life instead of the interior. It is even said that the particular aspect of this which is known as sea-power exercises a peculiarly blighting influence upon music as distinguished from the other arts. Certainly other arts can flourish in an era of general mental activity, as witness the time of the Renaissance in Italy, with its bubbling, seething cauldron of life of all kinds (exterior enough, too, in all conscience) - war, politics, literature, and art: not to mention our own Elizabethan period, with the simultaneous sea-power of Drake and the rest, the adventures to the Spanish Main, the poetical work of Spenser, Shakespeare, and that group, the intellectual achievements of Bacon and others, the musical work of Byrd, Gibbons, Wilbye, and their comrades being in this case contemporaneous. It seems that at times of a stirring of mental life, there are usually various types working together simultaneously, some "exteriorizing," and some "interiorizing." But whatever the cause, it cannot be denied that there was a "dark age" in England which is now yielding to a musical "renaissance."

A particular form of this charge has been that we have no national popular songs of any real merit. The folksong movement has already sufficiently rebutted that accusation. These songs were at first preserved by tradition, and, when the decline set in, tended to become forgotten and lost: fortunately large numbers have now been recovered and written down before it was too late. The previous issue of this present series (One Hundred Folksongs of All Nations) is in itself a sufficient refutation. The present issue goes further,

and shows that besides the simple song that springs from the popular heart, there is a fine body of genuine song of a more definitely artistic character. If we have not any writer of the peculiar genius of a Schubert, we have, at least, writers of a very real genius, - genius of a delicate "atmospheric" type, one might call it, — rather than the more imposing continental type. English song is in fact analogous to the Shakespeare and the Herrick lyric, in poetry. For the central type of English song is such as "Sigh no more, ladies," of Stevens, or "Blow, blow, thou winter wind," of Arne, or "The Bailiff's Daughter of Islington," rather than Purcell's "I'll sail upon the dog-star:" just as, in choral music, it is the delicate beauty of the madrigal rather than the more grandiose oratorio or cantata with orchestra, that is the peculiarly English product: and just as in painting it is the elusive and atmospheric watercolor that is the characteristic English work rather than the more solid achievements in oils.

In the present selection Professor Bantock has shown a wise eclecticism; and the complete series of notes to the individual songs makes more than a cursory view of the whole unnecessary. The first song, "Sumer is icumen in," is a historic event. Written about 1250 - before the battle of Evesham—it is the earliest product of really artistic music in Europe, and shows that at that time England was actually in advance of the world. Several sixteenth century songs follow - many of them of great beauty when once the ear is accustomed to the old modal idiom. These, however, come largely under the heading of folksong; and as we have already discussed that department in the previous book, we shall now pass on. Suffice it to say that tunes like "Green-sleeves," "The Oak and the Ash," "Pretty Polly Oliver," and "The Miller of Dee" are a sufficient answer to those who compare, to their disadvantage, English tunes with Scottish or Irish. The atmosphere is different, that is all: and we, to whom the idiom is unfamiliar, are especially struck with the apparent originality of the tunes thought out largely in the pentatonic scale.

The ten County Songs that follow come under

the same heading. "The Cheshire Man" shows a certain patriotic bombast which is robbed of its sting by its salt of humor. No offence can be felt where the whole thing is so obviously a joke. "The Vly is on the Turmut" and "Lord Rendal" show different phases of the national mind, though the latter is connected with a widely spread cycle of ballads: and "Widdicombe Fair" is, frankly, farcical jollity.

Coming to the songs whose authors are known, we find first the delicate work of one of the greatest of the Shakespearians - Byrd. The whole of this group, as is acknowledged on all hands, were at least abreast, if not in advance, of the continental writers. Most of the songs of the period were originally written as madrigals; but it was quite common, at that time, to sing such pieces in either form; and their inclusion here is perfectly justified. Weelkes, Gibbons, Dowland, Morley, Wilbye, etc., are well-known writers: Campion, however, is a somewhat recent discovery; and it is interesting to find specimens of his individual work included - work which reminds one of Herrick. The poems are often his own as well as the music, and the two are fitly mated. The two Lawes's, too, are welcome friends; while Savil's "Here's a Health" is a song that certainly finds a fit place in such a collection as this.

Among the Restoration writers, Pelham Humfrey is not a popularly known composer; but he had real genius; and had he lived longer, would probably have made a great name. Of Blow and Purcell it is not necessary to say much. Purcell, of course, won for himself, in his thirty-seven years, a splendid reputation; and, considering the time in which he lived, his achievement is wonderful. He is interesting, too, historically; since in him we find the Handel type, complete in little, long before Handel's advent. At the same time one must admit that the characteristic sweetness and delicacy of the central English type are rather to seek. His idiom is nearer to that of the Continent. Compare his work with such songs as "Gather ye rosebuds," or "Bid me but live," with their Herrick atmosphere, and the difference is at once apparent.

Of Dr. Arne we have spoken already. His work falls in what might be termed the "dark ages" of the Georges; and yet it has the characteristic English note, and shows that the national spirit was still alive even in its winter sleep. Linley's "Here's to the maiden," too (still Georgian, and with the Sheridan tang), has the real blood of life in its veins. Jackson, a little known writer, is certainly worth preserving: and then we come to Dibdin. It must be owned that Dibdin is not a great artist. Neither in words nor music has he any pretensions to technique, and his thousand and odd songs must always remain a rather heavy mass of luggage. And yet he had a power of finding his way to the heart-especially of those that go down to the sea in ships - which must ensure him an honored place; and a few of his efforts - "Tom Bowling," of course, being the chief—are a real national possession. Hook's "Lass of Richmond Hill" has an easy, pleasant sentiment which has won it popular favor, though it is rather facile. Stevens's "Sigh no more, ladies," is genuine and delicate poetry, and not unworthy of the lyric to which it is wedded. Davy's "Bay of Biscay" is a characteristic English type; and it would hardly have been honest to omit Braham's "Death of Nelson," though it is to be hoped we shall not produce much more in this vein. "Drink to me only" and "Cherry ripe" have a good deal of the real English charm.

Bishop was perhaps the most representative composer of his time, lasting well into the Victorian era. He of course cannot compare for a moment with the best German writers of his period,—Schumann, for example,—and yet the best of his work has a value of its own. A good specimen, not given here, is a setting of Shakespeare's "As it fell upon a day," with the nightingale who

Leaned her breast up till a thorn.

His technique is often hasty, and his sentiment a little obvious and wanting in poetry, but there is a living ring about his best work.

Contemporary writers are of course excluded,

compiler will be enriched with songs of high

as the task of selection would be invidious. It is quality and real poetical value. We have here, now certain that a real renaissance is taking place however, a very representative body of work up in English music: and the volume of a future to 1855, which is a valuable addition to this interesting library of the world's songs.

N. Brond anderton _

NOTES ON THE SONGS

No. 1. Sumer is icumen in (Summer is a-coming in).

THIS wonderful piece of work was discovered at Reading Abbey some years ago, and is now in the British Museum. It was written about 1226, probably by John of Fornsete, and is by far the earliest music in existence of anything like the same artistic value. It is for six voices, originally four tenors and two basses. The tenors take up the tune one after another in canon, while the two basses sing a "ground." It is written on a six-lined stave, in C clef, and has a flat in the signature. Latin religious words have been added. The staves and Latin words are in red, the English words in black, and the initial S in blue. It is called in the MS. a "Rota," and the "ground" is spoken of as "pes." It is strikingly different, with its freedom and swing, from the ecclesiastical work of the time. There is nothing archaic about it: it seems to breathe a certain bucolic exultation in the days when

"The Spring's in the Blood."

Sumer is icumen in,
Lhude sing cuccu:
Groweth sed
And bloweth med,
And springth the wode nu.
Sing cuccu!
Awe bleteth after lomb,
Lhouth after calve cu.
Bulluc sterteth,
Bucke verteth,*
Murie sing cuccu.
Cuccu! Cuccu!
Wel singes thu, cuccu!

Ne swik thu naver nu.

Summer is a-coming in,
Loudly sing cuckoo.
Groweth seed
And bloweth mead,
And springeth wood a-new.
Sing cuckoo!
Ewe bleateth after lamb,
Low'th after calf the cow.
Bullock starteth,
Buck he verteth.
Merry sing cuckoo.
Cuckoo! Cuckoo!
Well singest thou, cuckoo!
Nor cease thou never, now.

References. Chappell, Grove, Duncan, Davey.

No. 2. Ah! the sighs that come fro' my heart.
This tender little song—both words and air—appears in a collection of the time of Henry VIII, now in the British Museum (Royal MSS. 58). The author is unknown, as also is the date of its origin; but it has been ascribed, with great probability, to the century previous, i.e., the fif-

teenth. It may be as well to add that although, as a rule, these songs are treated with extreme simplicity, as being suited to the period of their birth, in this case—there being no bass given in the old MSS.—it seemed permissible to use a little more freedom, but still without tampering in any way with the original melody.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Kidson, Duncan.

No. 3. The Three Ravens.

This well-known old ballad appears under the heading "Country Pastimes" in an old collection entitled *Melismata*, of the date 1611. It is probably, however, a good deal older than that. Its authorship is of course unknown, both words and music. It has had a very wide range, and Danish and Scottish versions are still in existence, the latter being the celebrated "The Twa Corbies."

The word mate in stanza 1 is probably a mistaken correction. Mate is really a corruption of make, the Middle English form; the Anglo-Saxon being gemaca or maca. Some editor has probably considered it a misprint. If the original form of the word is retained (as is here done), the rhyme is true.

References. Chappell, Jackson, Kidson, Duncan, Euterpe.

No. 4. The King's Hunt.

The words of this song were probably written by "one Gray," who grew into "good estimation" with Henry VIII, and afterwards "with the Duke of Somerset, Protectour, for making certaine merry ballades, whereof one chiefly was The hunte is up, the hunte is up." There was a tune of this name as early as 1537—very probably the same as this present one, which is taken from Musick's Delight on the Cithren (ed. of 1666), a collection of very old popular tunes. A curious religious version by John Thorne, preserved in the British Museum (Add. MSS. 15,233), begins as follows:

The hunt ys up, the hunt ys up, Loe! it is almost daye:

^{*} verteth = taketh cover in the vert or fern, green-wood.

For Christ our Kyng is cum a-huntyng And browght his deare to staye.

This runs to seventeen verses.

The present is a spirited tune, and the arrangement of the accompaniment as a reminder of hunting-horns seems an appropriate touch. The end is a trifle abrupt, and those who prefer can make use of the two-measure extension.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Kidson, Duncan, Boosey, Jackson, Stanford.

No. 5. The Hawthorn Tree.

This song is given in Ritson's Ancient Songs, Class IV (from Edward VI to Elizabeth), under the title, "A Mery Ballet of the Hathorne Tre, to be sung to the tune of Donkin Dargeson." It comes from a miscellaneous collection in the Cotton Library, and Ritson says: "This tune, whatever it was, appears to have been in use till after the Restoration." The present copy is from The Dancing Master (1650-51), where it is called "Dargason, or the Sedany,"—the Sedany being a country-dance. Gifford speaks of some child's book of knight-errantry in which there is a dwarf named Dargison, who serves as page to the heroine in her adventures: and in an old piece played by the Children of the Revels at Blackfriars in 1606, and entitled The Isle of Gulls, is the following couplet, perhaps a scrap of the old ballad:

An ambling nag, and a-down, a-down, We have borne her away to Dargison.

This reference to the Children may also remind our readers of the passage in *Hamlet* which indicates that Shakespeare did not regard these youthful prodigies as an unmixed blessing.

References. Chappell, Kidson, Duncan.

No. 6. Westron Wynde.

This small, but touching song is preserved in the British Museum (Royal MSS. 58). There is one verse only, the second in this edition having been specially written by Helen F. Bantock. The original is of course unbarred, and there has been some difference of opinion as to the true rhythm. Jackson and Duncan both print it in $\frac{3}{4}$ time: Chappell gives it in duple time, which seems

better in every way. The collection in which it appears is a very valuable store of rare English songs: as is congruous with the folksong genus, melodies only are given.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Jackson, Duncan.

No. 7. The Woods so Wild.

This song was a favorite about the middle of the sixteenth century and onward. We learn from the Life of Sir Peter Carew, by John Vowell, that he was accustomed to sing it with Henry VIII. The essential portion of the passage runs: "For the King himself being much delighted to sing, and Sir Peter having a pleasant voice, the king would often use to sing with him certain songs they call Freemen Songs, as namely, 'By the Bancke as I lay,' and 'As I walked the Wode so wylde,' etc." It evidently kept its popularity for long, since there are two versions of it in the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book (1608–16), one by Byrd, and one by Gibbons. The version of the tune here given is Byrd's. It is distinctly attractive, and belongs not to the modern key idiom, but to the modal school of the period. The first and third lines of the second verse, as given in this volume, are by Helen F. Bantock.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Duncan, Fitzwilliam Virginal Book.

No. 8. Chevy Chace.

This well-known ballad is very old, and of unknown authorship—a real folksong. The tune was sometimes sung to "The Children in the Wood" and to "Pescod Time," but it is usually known as "Chevy Chace," and is so entitled in Pills to Purge Melancholy, as well as in The Beggars' Opera (1728), etc. Two versions—an older and a more recent—of "Chevy Chace" are given in Percy's Reliques, where they are easily accessible; and as they are very long, it has been thought best to give here a few typical verses from the later version, the earlier offering perhaps too much difficulty for ordinary purposes.

The older version is dated by Percy, with every probability, about Henry VI's reign (circa 1450). To give an idea of it, we quote the celebrated

stanza of Wetherington, which appears in its later form among those given here to be sung, so that it may be easily compared:

> For Wetharryngton my hearte was wo, That ever he slayne shulde be; For when both his leggis wear hewyne in to, Yet he knyled and fought on hys kne.

This version is in two" fits" - sixty-eight stanzas, some of six lines instead of four. Percy says of the newer version: "The reader has here the more improved edition of that fine heroic ballad. It will afford an agreeable entertainment to the curious to compare them together, and to see how far the latter bard has excelled his predecessor, and where he has fallen short of him. For though he has everywhere improved the versification, and generally the sentiment and diction, yet some few passages retain more dignity in the ancient copy; at least the obsoleteness of the style serves as a veil to hide whatever may appear too familiar and vulgar in them. . . . We might also add that the circumstances of the battle are more clearly conceived and the several incidents more distinctly marked in the old original than in the improved copy."

- God prosper long our noble king,
 Our lives and safetyes all!
 A woefull hunting once there did
 In Chevy Chace befall.
- To drive the deere with hound and horne
 Erle Percy took his way:
 The child may rue that is unborne
 The hunting of that day.
- 3. The stout Erle of Northumberland
 A vow to God did make,
 His pleasure in the Scottish woods
 Three summer days to take,
- 4. The chiefest harts in Chevy Chace
 To kill and bear away:
 These tydings to Erle Douglas came
 In Scotland where he lay,
- 5. Who sent Erle Percy present word He wold prevent his sport:

*mad, furious. †weight, or violence.

The English erle, not fearing that, Did to the woods resort.

Their numbers and array are then described, and the beginning of the battle:

- 35. At last these two stout erles did meet Like captaines of great might: Like lyons wood* they layd on lode† And made a cruell fight.
- 37. Yeeld thee, Lord Percy, Douglas sayd,
 In faith, I will thee bringe
 Where thou shalt high advanced bee
 By James our Scottish king:
- 38. Thy ransome I will freely give,

 And this report of thee—

 Thou art the most coragious knight

 That ever I did see.
- 39. Nay, Douglas, quoth Erle Percy then,
 Thy proffer I doe scorne:
 I will not yeelde to any Scott
 That ever yett was borne.
- 40. With that, there came an arrow keene
 Out of an English bow,
 Which struck Erle Douglas to the hart
 A deep and deadly blow:
- 41. Who never spake more words than these:—
 Fight on, my merry men all:
 For why, my life is at an end—
 Lord Percy sees my fall.
- 42. Then leaving liffe Erle Percy tooke
 The dead man by the hand,
 And said: Erle Douglas, for thy life
 Would I had lost my land!
- 43. O Christ! my verry hart doth bleed
 With sorrow for thy sake:
 For sure, a more redoubted knight
 Mischance could never take.

The Percy is also slain, and various encounters described:

54. For Witherington needs must I wayle
As one in doleful dumpes:

For when his leggs were smitten off He fought upon his stumpes.

Of two thousand Scottish spears, scarce fifty-five were left: of fifteen hundred English, scarce fiftythree went home: and the ballad ends:

68. God save our king, and bless this land With plenty, joy and peace,
And grant henceforth that foule debate
'Twixt noblemen may cease!

REFERENCES. Chappell, Jackson, Duncan, Kidson.

No. 9. Of all the birds.

In Act I, Scene 4, of Beaumont and Fletcher's play *The Knight of the Burning Pestle*, the drunken Merrythought is heard within singing:

Nose, nose, jolly red nose, And who gave thee this jolly red nose? Nutmegs and ginger, cinnamon and cloves, And they gave me this jolly red nose—

being the last four lines of this song, a clear indication that it was at that time still popular. It is considerably older than that, however, having been one of Henry VIII's favorites; and it is included in *Deuteromelia* (1609), a collection of King Henry's *Mirth or Freemen's Songs*, referred to in Nos. 4 and 7. The collection of old songs called *The Thrush* (1827) includes this song, but reads, in line 1, Of all the brave birds that e'er I did see; in line 2, every for her; in line 7, noodle for knave; line 10 runs simply: Nose, nose! omitting jolly red nose! in line 12, omit and; and in line 14, for that read they. This last reading has also the authority of the Mermaid, Beaumont and Fletcher.

REFERENCES. Chappell, The Thrush.

No. 10. We be three poor mariners.

This very popular old song is also one of King Henry VIII's Mirth or Freemen's Songs, and is preserved in Deuteromelia (1609). A version of the tune also appears as a Braule or branle (Branle de Poictu), a kind of dance analogous to the modern cotillon.

With regard to line 5, some versions read

Shall we go dance, etc. —

and most begin the *shall* on the accent. One authority has it as it is here given, which seems more satisfactory.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Kidson, Jackson, Duncan, The Harmonist, Boosey, Stanford, The Thrush, Euterpe.

No. 11. By a bank as I lay.

THERE are two versions of this song, so different as to be practically two songs, both words and music. It is one of those referred to in Nos. 4 and 7, as sung by King Henry VIII and Sir Peter Carew. The version given by Chappell runs as follows:

By a bank as I lay,

Musing on a thing that was past and gone,

Heigh-ho!

In the merry month of May,

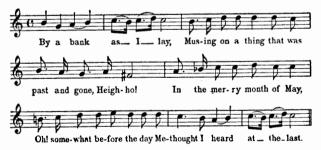
Oh! somewhat before the day

Methought I heard at the last.

Oh, the gentle nightingale,
The lady and the mistress of all musick,
She sits down ever in the dale;
Singing with her notes smale,
And quavering them wonderfully thick.

Oh, for joy my spirits were quick
To hear the bird, how merrily she could sing.
And I said, Good Lord defend
England, with thy most holy hand,
And save noble Henry, our king.

In Deuteromelia the last line has James for Henry, the book having been printed in James I's reign (1609). Another curious point is that the word thicke seems to have remained in traditional memory, but is used in different senses in the two songs—in the one as the adjective, in the other as the substantive now used in the form thicket. The air in Chappell is as follows:



REFERENCES. Chappell, Jackson.

No. 12. The Carman's Whistle.

THIS tune is in the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book (and also Lady Nevill's Virginal Book), arranged by Byrd, and his harmonizing is used in the present version. The carmen of the period were noted for their whistling and singing, so that Falstaff says of Justice Shallow, after the celebrated scene (K. Henry IV, Pt. II, Act III, Scene 2) with Falstaff's disgraceful recruits at Shallow's house in Gloucestershire: "... a' came ever in the rearward of the fashion, and sang those tunes to the over-scutched huswives, that he heard the carmen whistle, and sware they were his Fancies, or his Goodnights." Other references to plays and books in which the musical powers of the carmen are referred to are given by Chappell (volume I, page 138), and will be found of interest by those of antiquarian tastes.

Several ballads were sung to the tune, but the present one finally came into permanent possession. There are really twelve stanzas, but Chappell gives only the five here printed.

REFERENCE. Chappell.

No. 13. The British Grenadiers.

THE date of this tune is not certain, and it has appeared in various forms at different periods; or, to put it in another way, it strongly resembles airs set to other words. The regiment was embodied in 1678, so that the words cannot be older than that. It is a great favorite in the army, and produces a stirring effect as played by the band of the Grenadier Guards, the regiment having taken it as their Regimental March.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Kidson, Duncan, Boosey, Baring-Gould, Stanford.

No. 14. Come, live with me and be my love.
This song has sometimes been attributed to Shakespeare, and is included in the Sonnets to Sundry Notes of Music. Sir Hugh Evans, too, sings a verse of it in The Merry Wives of Windsor (Act III, Scene 1), to show his unconcern at the expected duel. It is now, however, generally assigned to Kit Marlowe: Izaak Walton so placed it in his Compleat Angler; Palgrave does the same

in The Golden Treasury, and the verdict is generally accepted. The last two verses here given do not appear in the Sonnets to Sundry Notes of Music, but Palgrave includes them in The Golden Treasury. The tune was discovered by Sir John Hawkins "in a MS as old as Shakespeare's time," and printed in Steevens's edition of Shakespeare. It is also given in a "Second Booke of Ayres, some to sing and play to the Base-Violl alone: others to be sung to the Lute and Base-Violl," etc., by W. Corkine (1612). Chappell contributes a considerable discussion of the whole matter. References. Chappell, Jackson, Kidson, Duncan, The Thrush.

No. 15. Green-sleeves.

This has been one of the most popular of all English ballads. There is a reference to it in Beaumont and Fletcher's The loyal Subject; and a couple of Shakespeare's references may be given, as showing the currency of the tune in his day. In the scene in The Merry Wives of Windsor (Act II, Scene 1) in which Mistress Ford and Mistress Page plot their pranks against Falstaff, who has written a love-letter to the former, she exclaims: "And yet he would not swear; praised women's modesty; and gave such orderly and well-behaved reproof to all uncomeliness, that I would have sworn his disposition would have gone to the truth of his words; but they do no more adhere and keep place together than the Hundredth Psalm to the tune of 'Greensleeves." The other is in the same play (Act V, Scene 5), the midnight scene in Windsor Park, just before Falstaff's final exposure. He enters alone disguised as Herne the Hunter, and then, on the coming of Mistress Ford (with Mistress Page) exclaims: "... let the sky rain potatoes, let it thunder to the tune of 'Green-sleeves,' hail kissing-comfits, and snow eringoes; let there come a tempest of provocation - I will shelter me here" (embracing her).

The first record of it is in 1580, when Richard Jones appears in the Register of the Stationers' Co., as licensed to print "A new Northern Dittye of the Lady Green-sleeves," but it seems to

have been popular before that time. In 1686 the tune was included in The Dancing Master under the title "Green-sleeves and Pudding-pies," this being one of the many ballads made to be sung to the tune. This version of the air has an altered second part, possibly to suit the violin, the older version not being so effective. The tune, in this form, appears in The Beggars' Opera (1728), and is perhaps the best known. We give it here, however, in its original form, which is really the best and raciest. All the verses given by Chappell are here reprinted. After stanza 5, the lover speaks of the gold girdle, purse, crimson silk stockings, grass-green gown, satin sleeves, gelding, waiting-men, etc. - in fact, she could ask for nothing without having it. At the time of the Civil War it became a Cavalier tune, with no fewer than fourteen songs against Roundheads set to it, one of which, "The Blacksmith," had as a refrain, or last line, "which nobody can deny." This was the case also with "The Trimmer," one of the many songs to the tune, and which occurred in Pills to Purge Melancholy.

References. Chappell, Duncan.

No. 16. Once I loved a maiden fair.

This tune also appears in *The Dancing Master* (1650–98), in Playford's *Introduction* (1664), and other collections of the time. The original ballad contains twelve stanzas, but it is thought that the three here given are sufficient for the present purpose.

References. Chappell, Kidson, Baring-Gould.

No. 17. You gentlemen of England.

This ballad seems to have had its origin in a song preserved in black-letter, with the following portentous title: "Saylers for my Money: a new ditty composed in the praise of Saylers and Sea Affaires; briefly showing the nature of so worthy a calling, and effects of their industry: to the tune of 'The Joviall Cobbler.'" The opening words are slightly different, and run: "Countriemen of England." This appeared in the Pepys collection. There is another version, used by Ritson, and which has a title still more like a sermon than the

last, viz., "Neptune's raging Fury - or the Gallant Seamen's Sufferings. Being a relation of their perils and dangers, and of the extraordinary hazards they undergo in their noble adventures: together with their undaunted valour and rare constancy in all their extremities; and the manner of their rejoicing on shore at their return home. Tune of 'When the stormy Winds do blow." This also is printed in black-letter in the Bagford collection (temp. Charles II). Chappell gives details of still other versions. Ritson gives fourteen stanzas. The shorter version here printed is Chappell's, and comes from one of the old broadsides. Kidson's version is the same, with the omission of stanza 2. Duncan's has many variants. REFERENCES. Chappell, Jackson, Boosey, Kidson, Duncan, Baring-Gould, The Skylark.

No. 18. Early one morning.

The words of this song are given in several of the old song-books, e.g., Sleepy Davy's Garland, The Songster's Magazine, etc. There are countless variations. Sometimes the lover is a sailor, sometimes a shepherd: and some copies scorn the restraints of rhyme. The tune is said to be connected with a hornpipe formerly played at the theatres—"Come all you young Blades, that in robbing take Delight."

REFERENCES. Chappell, Jackson, Boosey, Kidson, Baring-Gould, Duncan, Stanford.

No. 19. Love me little, love me long.

THESE are the first and last stanzas of a ballad of the time of James I, and were associated with the present tune by Chappell. The tune is "Mad Robin," the words of which are lost. It appears in *The Dancing Master* of 1686 and onward, and in other collections.

References. Chappell, Kidson, Boosey, Duncan.

No. 20. Pretty Polly Oliver.

Chappell says that, when he wrote, this old ballad was still in print in Seven Dials, under the title of "Polly Oliver's Ramble." An old song on The Pretender is said to be a parody of it:

As Perkin one morning lay musing in bed The thought of three kingdoms ran much in his head, etc. The inference appears to be that "Perkin" was a nickname of The Old Pretender of "The '15." The last two words of line 1 belong also to the present version, but have evidently been replaced by "'tis said," as being a little suggestive. Duncan merely calls the whole "traditional." Chappell gives an altogether different set of words by Lord Cantalupe. The tune has a particularly taking lilt; the story just hits the popular sentiment; and the whole, as it stands, is a good specimen of the typical English ballad.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Stanford.

No. 21. Begone, dull care.

THE earlier versions of this song had "Begone, old care." "Dull care" appeared first when sung in The Buck's Delight at Sadler's Wells Theatre in 1798. The tune seems to have had its origin in "The Queen's Jigg," contained in The Dancing Master (1701). One verse of the words appears as early as 1687, in Playford's Pleasant Musical Companion (Part II), being set as a catch by John Jackson: but they seem to have been suggested by a song of Queen Elizabeth's reign, beginning:

Care, away go thou from me: I am no fit mate for thee, etc.

The middle section of the tune, it will be noticed, is the same as that of "There was a jolly miller," only in the major mode.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Boosey, Kidson, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Stanford, The Skylark.

No. 22. There was a jolly miller.

Sometimes also called "The Miller of Dee." The tune seems to have been a sort of Bluebeard among tunes, and to have been a much wedded one. There is a Harvest-supper song—"Here's a health unto our master"—to which it was married; and still earlier (perhaps its first love) there is "The budgeon it is a delicate trade." Chappell supposes budgeon to come from budge, a thief of the sneak variety, and gives a couple of stanzas of the song in thieves' slang. Kidson's suggestion that budgeon is perhaps rather connected with budge and budget, a tinker's bag of tools, and that

the song has sung the pleasures of a wandering tinker's life, seems also a reasonable one: and in fact the first idea the title suggested to the present writer was Autolycus'—

If tinkers may have leave to live And bear the sow-skin budget—

which connects the two ideas, Autolycus being the prince of the light-fingered gentry.

The tune has also been introduced into several ballad-operas, to various words. One stanza of "There was a jolly miller" was sung in Love in a Village (1762), and was therefore attributed to Bickerstaffe; but it was in print before that. Several variants, some very long, are given by Chappell; and Kidson gives the verses here printed, with additional ones. Duncan's version is substantially the same as Kidson's: that here given seems, however, to be the norm. Note that the middle section is the same as that of the previous song, Begone, dull care, in minor form.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Boosey, Jackson, Kidson, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Stanford.

No. 23. The Barley-mow.

Those who have sat in an inn-parlor in some of the country districts of England when the rustics were drinking and smoking after the day's work, will be able to call up the peculiar flavor of such songs as this, "Tha Vly iz on the Turmut," and others. The conversation is more than deliberate: a perceptible pause is necessary for a question to soak in, before the answer begins slowly to exude: and the songs are roared out lustily, at least, if not correctly. We say is and are; but perhaps we should use the past tense; for even in out-of-the-way villages this state of things is dying out before the influence of the schools.

This song is sung in Hertfordshire, Suffolk, Devonshire, Cornwall, and other counties, and is thought to be native to the last named. Of course it may be sung at any time; but it was more especially due at the supper, or (failing that, as it is now often extinct) during the evening, after the carrying of the barley, when the stack, rick, or mow of barley is finished. The measure out of which these heroic topers imbibe is doubled

at each verse, and may be carried on at fancy. Duncan gives only three verses (up to gallon); Kidson jumps from gallon to river, and thence to ocean (five verses); Stanford has well, lake, river, sea, ocean (five verses); the list here given is according to Chappell, slightly enlarged, "after the manner"—as he says—"of one of the Freemen's Songs in Deuteromelia."

REFERENCES. Chappell, Duncan, Kidson, Stanford.

No. 24. Barbara Allen.

This is one of the best known of the English ballads. The tune is traditional, and of unknown ancestry. The version of the words here given is according to Percy's *Reliques*, which has also a Scottish version. For Scarlet Town, which remains unidentified, Carlisle has been suggested, and one copy has Reading. Carlisle is the more probable, however, as the ballad seems to belong to the North Country.

Goldsmith speaks of the song in the passage: "The music of the finest singer is dissonance to what I felt when our old dairy-maid sung me into tears with 'Johnny Armstrong's last Goodnight,' or 'The Cruelty of Barbara Allen.'"

No. 25. The Leather Bottél.

There is no original of this ballad earlier than the time of Charles II, but it is evidently far older than that. For one thing, bottel was not so pronounced then; and for another, the earliest copies have stanzas of a varying number of lines, in the manner of the earlier "Chevy Chace," which is quite unlike the more finished style of Dryden's time. Copies are given in Bagford, Roxburghe, Wit and Drollery (1682), Pills to Purge Melancholy, Durfey's Wit and Mirth (III, 1719), etc.

Some of the modern versions have altered the first two lines, and so lost the old naïve simplicity. To the men of that time there was nothing incongruous in saying even amid jollity and boon companions, that God made the world; perhaps the present age, indeed, has gone to the other extreme. We give the altered lines below, for the benefit of any who may feel squeamish in the matter. They run:

When I survey the world around, The heavens, the earth, and all therein, etc.

Duncan and Kidson both give this "emendation." The patch is badly made—we can see the join: the beginning of line 6 does not correspond. Line 7, similarly, has been altered to

So I wish him joy where'er he dwell, etc.

Duncan gives this.

These changes, however, largely remove the racy tang and savor of the old-time song, and destroy its power as a charm to conjure up vividly the past whose legacy it is. In our view they are a sort of treason, both human and artistic.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Baring-Gould, Boosey, Jackson, Kidson, Duncan.

No. 26. John Peel.

This is one of the best known and most popular of all songs in those circles where hunting-men most do congregate—at hunt-suppers, yeomanry sing-songs, and the like; and to hear the whole scarlet-coated company roar out the chorus, striking the table with their whips till the glasses ring, and give "Peel's view halloo would waken the dead," is to have an experience that is not likely to be soon forgotten. The tune is given simply as "an old hunting song," in the various collections: the words are by John Woodcock Graves. References. Duncan, Boosey, Stanford.

No. 27. The Oak and the Ash.

This pathetic and haunting tune appears in Sir John Hawkins's Transcripts of Music for the Virginals; and also in The Dancing Master (1650-1701) under the title "Godesses." Giles Farnaby's "Quodling's Delight," in the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book (circa 1608-16), is practically the same air. It may of course be even older, as the tune is probably traditional. Chappell gives the ballad under the title "I would I were in my own Country," as it is given in a black-letter copy in the Roxburghe Collection.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Duncan, Boosey, Kidson, Baring-Gould, Stanford.

No. 28. Love will find out the way. Of this tune Mr. Chappell, writing about the middle of last century, says: "The air is still current, for in the summer of 1855, Mr. Jennings, Organist of All Saints' Church, Maidstone, noted it down from the wandering hop-pickers singing a song to it, on their entrance to that town." The tune is preserved also by Playford in his Musick's Recreation on the Lyra Viol (1652), and elsewhere: the words appear in several collections, including Percy's Reliques. This last (five stanzas) is the shortest version, and is here given.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Boosey, Pan Pipes.

No. 29. With Jockey to the Fair.

This cheery song is printed in Vocal Music, or the Songster's Companion (volume iii, No. 26), 2d ed. 1772. Chappell says: "It was originally a song for the public gardens,"—i.e., Vauxhall, or some such,—"and has been somewhat simplified by popular use. The tune, in this instance, has been rather improved than deteriorated by the change"—a verdict of which we make a present to Cecil Sharp. The song seems to have been in great vogue about 1779–80. Kidson agrees with Chappell as to the two versions of the ballad: he gives only four verses. Duncan omits stanzas 3 and 4. The words alone, and the tune alone, appeared in other publications of the time.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Kidson, Boosey, Duncan, Stanford.

No. 30. Down among the Dead Men. This popular drinking-song seems to date from the time of Queen Anne,

Here's a health to the Queen, and a lasting peace,

being the opening of what appears to be the earliest version. There are also George I versions, beginning: "Here's a health to the King," etc. One of these (circa 1720) was "sung by Mr Dyer, at Mr Bullock's booth in Southwark Fair;" and another, with additional stanzas by the singer, at Lincoln's Inn Theatre. Lines 3 and 4 are a reminiscence of a drinking-song in Fletcher's Bloody Brothers:

Best, while you have it, use your breath; There is no drinking after death.

The air is in The Dancing Master, volume iii (circa

1726), and was a great favorite with Samuel Wesley, the church writer, who often used it as a subject for fugal treatment.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Boosey, Kidson, Duncan, Baring-Gould.

No. 31. The Bailiff's Daughter of Islington. This ballad has the old English spirit in its fullest flavor, and has for long been one of the most popular of all. Both tune and story have just that sort of sentiment which has always been dear to the English heart. The song appears in the Roxburghe, Pepys, and Douce collections, in Ritson, and in Percy's Reliques. The words were associated, in a ballad-opera of 1731, with another tune which Chappell prints; but the one here given is the one so universally known that all knowledge of a rival has died away.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Boosey, Kidson, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Stanford.

No. 32. King Arthur.

This is a traditional Lancashire Song, and is full of the genuine bucolic feeling. The words, "That he had," "That he did," etc., may properly be sung, if desired, by a chorus, as also may all the latter portion from measure 8.

REFERENCE. English County Songs.

No. 33. The Cheshire Man.

THE words and melody of this County Song are given in Edward Jones's Popular Cheshire Melodies (1798). The book has an engraving illustrating the situation in the song. The "Cheshire Round" mentioned in the ballad was not a round in the sense in which the term is now used, but a dance of the character of a triple-time hornpipe. The one here given is included in Jones's work just mentioned, in The Dancing Master (11th ed.), in Polly and other ballad-operas, etc. In George Daniel's Merry England there is a cut of Doggett, the actor, dancing a Cheshire Round, and a reproduction of one of Doggett's play-bills (date 1691). The dance is also mentioned in A Second Tale of a Tub (8vo, 1715). Chappell gives some additional particulars.

REFERENCES. Kidson, Broadwood (and, for Cheshire Round), Chappell.

No. 34. The Derby Ram.

THERE are many versions of this song. The present version, both words and tune, was taken down by Miss Mason, of Morton, near Retford, Notts. Portions of the tune strongly resemble the "Hobby Horse" tune given by Chappell; and the "Hobby Horse" was introduced, together with the song, in the Christmas plays of Derbyshire and Notts. Both the words and the tune show, even more strongly than do those of No. 32, the natural grossness of the country-bumpkin which Touchstone satirizes in As You Like It; for the present is a somewhat watered version, the original being unsuitable for ears polite. REFERENCE. English County Songs.

No. 35. The Lincolnshire Poacher.

THE air of this jolly song was printed by d'Almaine about 1835 with words by Planché. Chappell published the song, words and tune, in 1838-40, in his Collection of National English Airs, which was afterwards issued in an enlarged form as the valuable and well-known Popular Music of the Olden Time (1855-59), to which we have made so many references. He, speaking from the gentleman's point of view, remarks that the song "is rather too well known among the peasantry." There is, however, another side to the poaching question which, in a broadly human view, is at least as important. The song became very popular during the forties, and our readers will remember the second verse as quoted in one of the most memorable scenes of Tom Brown's School-days, where the boys, playing beside the river, chaff Velveteens, who just afterward catches Tom fishing and "trees" him, so that he has to submit and is taken before the Doctor. Kidson gives the song under the title, "When I was bound apprentice."

References. Chappell, Jackson, Duncan, Boosey, Kid-

No. 36. Ward the Pirate.

Two tunes are associated with this ballad, and the ballad itself appears in various forms. The tune here given comes from Norfolk, and has a Reference. English County Songs.

certain stirring quality. Dr. Vaughan Williams states that he collected the verses "partly from a Sussex version (sung to another tune) and partly from a printed copy." The version given by Mr. Barrett (Novello), and which is sold as a sheet song, appears to us to be a more sophisticated treatment of some such original as this, which is ruder in form though certainly not inferior in spirit. The first line of the tune according to Mr. Barrett runs:



The exact dates of the two tunes are difficult to determine. This latter has the appearance of being the older, though it is probably not contemporary with Ward. Captain (or Jack) Ward was originally a Feversham fisherman. His piratical career extended from about 1603 to 1615, and he seems to have escaped the hands of justice. The incident in the present song seems to be mythical. The Dictionary of National Biography says: "There was a Captain Ward, and there was a king's ship Rainbow, but that the two ever fought is a balladmonger's fiction." It bears on its face evidence of this: the fight is somewhat Gilbertian. A king's ship with thirteen hundred men on board fighting a pirate for thirteen hours, then renewing the fight desperately till they surrender with a loss of thirty-six, is somewhat grotesque unless intended for satire.

REFERENCES. Folksongs of England, English Folksongs.

No. 37. The Barkshire Tragedy.

Though this song is here affiliated especially to Berkshire, it appears—as is frequently the case with ballads, fairy-stories, and the like - in various forms in many counties. It is sometimes known as "Binorrie." The present version is peculiar in a few particulars, one being the touch of local color in the introduction of the "Crowner." A Lancashire version is given by John Harland in Songs and Ballads of Lancashire; and another occurs in a broad-sheet of 1656.

No. 38. The Vly is on the Turmut.

This is given in the English County Songs under the title "Turmut-Hoeing." It is said to belong to Oxfordshire, but it is popular in many counties, and we have heard it sung with great gusto by Worcestershire and Gloucestershire rustics over their ale. It is a typical farm-laborer's song. We have preserved the spelling as given in the English County Songs (and taken from Mr. R. Bennell), but the vowels should be broad and the consonants soft, as e.g., "fly" should be "vly," and so on.

REFERENCE. English County Songs.

No. 39. The Plough-boy.

This song is preserved by the Rev. John Broadwood in his Collection of Sussex Songs (1843). Kidson remarks that this type of song, dealing with the joys of farm life, belongs rather to the southern counties, and becomes rarer as we approach the more barren north, where such life is harder. The Idylls of Theocritus, and Virgil's Eclogues, show a still more intense delight in rustic life, and of course an incomparably greater sense of beauty in portraying it—coming from still further south, Sicily and Italy. The present song, though of humbler origin, belongs to the same family as the songs of Daphnis, Thyrsis, and the rest.

REFERENCE. Kidson.

No. 40. Lord Rendal.

This beautiful song was taken down, along with a number of others, by Mr. Cecil Sharp, at Hambridge, a village in Somersetshire, and was printed as one of a collection of twenty-seven in 1904. There are other fine songs in the book — notably the charming "Seeds of Love," and "The Wraggle Taggle Gipsies, O!," which has a lilt and a modal structure resembling those of many Scottish songs. The opening runs:



This present song, Lord Rendal, appears in two forms, the one not given here having only five verses and being sung to another air.

Different versions of the story, or ballad, appear in many countries, and have been fully dealt with by Professor Child. In a German variant the man is poisoned with snakes, and in other cases it is toads. Toads appear in Scotland, and Sir Walter Scott gives a version in *Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border*.

We may remark, however, that a different interpretation of the rather repulsive "eels and eel-broth" is quite possible. In the other (and apparently more original) version the line runs:

She gave me some eels; O make my bed soon, etc.

The mother then asks:

O what color were they, Rendal, my son? — and he answers:

They were spickit and sparkit; O make my bed soon, etc.

The question and answer: "O where did she get them?"—"From hedges and ditches," are unaltered: and the following verse simply says:

O they were strong poison, Rendal, my son—and:

You'll die, you'll die, Rendal, my son;

and so the song ends. There is no suggestion that the lad's sweetheart knew they were poison, and no curse upon her. The "eels," it will be noticed, came from "hedges and ditches," and probably have nothing to do with the fish, which do not live in hedges - or ordinary ditches either, for that matter. Wright's Dialett Dictionary says that eel and eel-thing are often equivalent to evil and evil-thing; and here the term probably refers to some poisonous berries. Now one of the names of night-shade (belladonna) is dwale (A.-S. dwala), and it is not impossible that eel might be a corruption of that word, the d being elided. Whether that be so or not, eels would seem to be poisonberries of some kind. "Spickit and sparkit" suggests a cluster, spike, or spikelet, of shining berries; and the reference to eel-broth and eels'-skins might easily creep in if the nature of the eels were misapprehended by a later poet. It would seem that the lovers were wandering along the lanes, and that the girl gave the lad some berries which did the mischief. One person, however, speaks of a Somersetshire meaning of "spickit and sparkit" as "speckled and blotched."

REFERENCE. Folksongs from Somerset.

No. 41. Widdicombe Fair.

This has become the accepted Devonshire song, and is adopted as their march by the Devon Volunteers. Mr. Baring-Gould says that he first received it, both words and tune, from Mr. W. F. Collier, of Horrabridge. "Uncle Tom Cobley" lived near Yeoford Junction: the names of the chorus all belong to Sticklepath.

REFERENCES. Baring-Gould (Songs of the West, and English Minstrelsy).

WILLIAM BYRD.

WILLIAM BYRD (circa 1542–1623) was regarded in his own day as foremost in his art, and the checkbook of the Chapel Royal (of which he was a member), in recording his death, speaks of him as "Father of Musicke." Being a Catholic, he suffered some inconveniences in consequence under Elizabeth and James I, though he was so valuable that he was spared serious persecution. His church music was mostly written to Latin and adapted to English words. As a madrigal writer he was not, perhaps, so successful, his nature being rather serious for this lighter style. There are over seventy of his instrumental pieces in the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book (1608–16). Two of his songs are here given.

No. 42. O Mistress Mine.

This is Byrd's arrangement of a traditional air, and appears in the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book mentioned above, for Virginals alone. The words are from Twelfth Night, Shakespeare probably writing fresh verses to an old tune, as Burns so often did. The play was most likely produced in 1599, in which year the song appeared in Morley's Consort Lessons. In what year Byrd wrote his arrangement of the air is not known.

REFERENCES. Jackson, Chappell, Kidson, Duncan, Bridge.

No. 43. I Thought that Love had been a Boy. This comes from a publication entitled Songs of Sundrie Natures, some of Gravitie and others of Myrth

(for three, four, five, and six voices), 1589. This work corresponds to another issued two years previously under the title *Psalmes*, *Sonets and Songs of Sadnes and Pietie*, etc. These various songs have a certain naïve simplicity that is very engaging. Reference. *Songs of Sundrie Natures*.

THOMAS WEELKES.

THOMAS WEELKES was born, probably, about 1575-77, since he speaks of his "years being unripened" when his First Set of Madrigals, published in 1597, appeared. This book contains twenty-four madrigals - six each in three, four, five, and six parts. Five books of these madrigals and Ballets came from his pen between 1597 and 1608. The Ayeres or Phantasticke Spirits of 1608 contains "A Remembrance of his friend Thomas Morley" in the shape of a setting of a verse beginning "Death hath deprived me of my dearest friend." He seems to have been pretty closely associated with Morley; and in The Triumphs of Oriana, of which Morley was editor (1601-03), he has a madrigal in six parts, "As Vesta was from Latmos." He was at one time (1600) organist of Winchester College; and in 1608 organist of Chichester Cathedral. He took his Mus. Bac. at New College, Oxford, in February, 1601-02. He wrote also a good deal of church music, mostly anthems; and a little instrumental music, Pavans and pieces for viols, three "In Nomine's," "Lacrimae," etc. His will is dated November 30 and proved December 5, 1623; so that he must have died between those dates.

No. 44. Cease, sorrows, now.

This piece, given here in the form of a song, appeared originally as a madrigal, and was the last of those in three parts in the first collection, published in 1597. The original key is D minor, the change to E minor having been made merely for the convenience of the singer. The present is an exact transcription, the three parts being preserved throughout—a treatment to which, as we have said, these madrigals were frequently subjected in their own day and by their authors.

REFERENCES. Euterpe, First Set of Madrigals.

THOMAS MORLEY.

Thomas Morley (1557-1603) was a pupil of Byrd, and shortly after the expiration of Byrd's patent for the printing of music, a similar grant was made to Morley (1598). He was a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal, the "editor" of The Triumphs of Oriana, and the author of a Plaine and Easie Introduction to Practicall Musicke (1597). A small point of personal interest is that in 1598 his name and that of Shakespeare appear in a roll of assessment, their goods being valued at the same figure. They both appealed against the rating, whether successfully or not is unknown. It seems that there must have been intercourse between the two, as Morley composed music for some of Shakespeare's songs, presumably for stage use. Our first specimen is one of these:

No. 45. It was a lover and his lass.

This song is preserved in a MS. in the Advocates' Library, at Edinburgh. It was written for As You Like It (Act V, Scene 3), and, being free from some of the corruptions that crept into the theatrical copies, has served to correct the text of the play. A place in which it is doubtful if the songversion is correct, however, is stanza 2, line 4, which has fools; the usually accepted reading is folk, which is perhaps, on the whole, preferable. The song is indeed a happy inspiration, and seems to have caught the artless and spontaneous charm of the scene perfectly.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Jackson, Baring-Gould, Duncan, Kidson, Boosey, Stanford, Bridge.

No. 46. Now is the month of maying.

This appears as No. 3 in The First Booke of Balletts to Five Voyces, CIO, IO, XC.V. (1595). It will be noticed that the style is altogether lighter than that of the madrigals. The word ballet, like the modern ballad, is of course connected with the Italian ballare, to dance; and the character of the song accords with this origin.

REFERENCES. Duncan, Kidson, Stanford, The Harmonist.

ROBERT JOHNSON.

THE dates of Robert Johnson are given in Jack-

son's English Melodies as circa 1555-1625. As, however, it seems that in 1596 he was apprenticed to Sir George Carey "for seven yeares, as 'allowes or covenaunt servaunt,' Sir George undertaking to have him taught and instructed in the art of music, and providing board, lodging, and necessaries" (Barclay Squire, quoted Grove), it seems that 1575, or even 1585, would be nearer the mark, a man of forty-one being somewhat old for such treatment: while with regard to his death-year, it was more probably 1634, as we shall see. He was the son of John Johnson, lutenist to Queen Elizabeth, and thus had music in his veins. He was appointed one of James I's lutenists in 1604, his salary being twenty pence a day, and £16.2.6. per annum for livery: and his name appears regularly in the audit till 1633. In 1611 he became one of the musicians of that greatly beloved Prince Henry (of Wales) who was so munificent a patron of learning and genius, and whose death set Charles I on the throne. By this appointment Johnson received a salary of £40, with £20 for strings. In 1628 he was appointed "Composer to the Lutes and Voices," in which office he was succeeded in April, 1634, by Lewis Evans—his death having evidently just occurred.

He was well known in his own day, his wider reputation being gained by his connection with the theatre. Some of his music for Virginals, Lute, and Viols is preserved in the Fitzwilliam and University Libraries, Cambridge, the Music School and Christchurch, Oxford, the Royal College of Music, and the British Museum. Two of his songs are here given, first:

No. 47. As I walked forth.

This was printed in Playford's Ayres and Dialogues (1652-59); and in the Treasury of Music (1669), which later appeared in Tom Durfey's Wit and Mirth, and has found its way into several modern collections. The song has distinct attractiveness and somewhat of a mediaeval character. Or perhaps one might say the figure of the girl resembles those of some of Beaumont and Fletcher's heroines. The cadences are not

unskilfully managed, there being all the variety possible at the time.

REFERENCES. Jackson, Kidson, Duncan, Dolmetsch.

No. 48. Dear, do not your fair beauty wrong. This song has not before been printed, and is preserved in the British Museum (Add. MSS. 29396, p. 22). The poetry is there stated to be come from May's Old Couple. The whole has an infectious gaiety which is very attractive.

REFERENCE. British Museum Add. MSS. 29396, p. 22.

John Dowland.

JOHN DOWLAND (1562–1626) was primarily a lute-player, but was also a very graceful and popular composer, and was a widely travelled man. He was appointed lutenist to King Christian of Denmark in 1598, but later on he returned home. In 1605 he was in England and published his "Lachrymae," or "Seven Teares figured in seaven passionate Pavans, etc., Set forth for the Lute, Viols or Violins in five parts." The Lacrimae are several times referred to in contemporary literature, e.g., in Beaumont and Fletcher's Knight of the Burning Pestle, where the citizen's wife exclaims (Act II, Scene 8):

No, good George, let's ha' Lacrimae.

Dowland is also referred to in a sonnet long ascribed to Shakespeare, but now assigned to Barnfield. Our first specimen is

No. 49. Awake, sweet love.

This is one of the most striking pieces in the First Book of Ayres (1597). It is very simple in structure, but there is distinctly more of the contrapuntal madrigal idiom than in most of the other numbers, and even a real imitation or two, which is unusual with Dowland. With his homophonic writing, he was, in fact, one of the influences that destroyed the true madrigal, whose essence is not that of an air accompanied, but of a number of real and equally important melodies imitating each other. This piece is very effective chorally, broad and full. It was originally written in $\frac{3}{2}$ time, but it has seemed better (as in many

other cases) to give the more usual modern signature for the present purpose.

REFERENCE. Dowland's First Book of Ayres.

No. 50. Now, O now, I needs must part. THIS piece is No. 6 from the "First Booke of Songes or Ayres of foure parts with Tablature for the Lute, So made that all the parts together or either of them severally may be song to the Lute, Orpherian, or Viol de gambo" (1597) to give the book its full title, which is taken from the facsimile given in the Musical Antiquarians' edition. So large a choice being offered, there is obviously no impropriety in arranging the song in its present form. It will be noticed that this also is not at all in madrigal style, but is purely harmonic in structure. This version is simply a transcription, the parts being unaltered. The tune is also known as "The Frog Galliard" in Dowland's Lute MSS.; and it seems that this was the original, being fitted to the words by Dowland later - when he found that others were adapting his dance-tunes in this way.

REFERENCES. Jackson, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Kidson, Dowland's First Book of Ayres.

No. 51. Come again.

This charming song also first appeared in Dowland's First Book of Ayres (1597). The verses themselves are fine work, and the way Dowland has seen their capabilities and brought out the point of line 4, for example, is quite admirable. It is in this simple and unpretentious lyrical style that Dowland's sweet and natural powers shine in their most attractive colors.

REFERENCES. Keel, Dowland's First Book of Ayres.

THOMAS CAMPION.

THOMAS CAMPION'S reputation is of quite recent growth. He was "discovered" by Mr. A. H. Bullen, who issued an "editio princeps" in 1889; and undoubtedly he is a real acquisition to our wealth in the matter of Elizabethan art.

He was born about 1566, was intended for the law, and (probably) admitted a member of Gray's Inn in 1586. Law, however, delighted him not,

and he deserted it for medicine, studying at Cambridge, and taking his M.D. in all probability at that university. His first publication was a volume of Latin Poemata (1594). In 1601 appeared a Booke of Ayres, of which Part I was entirely his, words and music; and in Part II the words only, the music being by Rosseter. In 1602 he published his Observations in the Art of English Poesy, advocating the abandonment of rhyme. As in the case of Dryden, however, his native instinct proved wiser than his theory. His first Masque was produced at Whitehall before the king on Twelfth Night, 1606-07, at the marriage of Sir James Haye. In 1613 came the Songs of Mourning. This book was occasioned by the death of Prince Henry (of Wales), who was a great loss to the country, and whose place was taken by Charles I. The music was written by Coperario, an Englishman who Italianized his name during a visit to Italy. Probably in the same year were published also the Two Bookes of Ayres, both words and music being entirely Campion's own. The first book consists of Divine and Moral Songs; the second of Light Conceits of Lovers. His last collection was the Third and Fourth Bookes of Ayres (about 1615). About 1617 appeared A new Way of making Four Parts in Counterpoint, by a most familiar and infallible rule—which, it must be confessed, sounds like a quack medicine on the part of the worthy doctor. It took rank, however, as a standard work, and was frequently reprinted. Campion died March 1, 1619-20, and was buried in St. Dunstan's in the West, Fleet Street.

Campion is a real poet, with the kind of feeling that we find in its perfection in Herrick, but he has not Herrick's literary finish. He wrote always with music in view, and (as is right) the two arts suffered a little give and take. The verse which is most perfect in itself is not always most suitable for musical setting: it must be confessed, however, that Campion's lapses are not all due to this cause. His musicis homophonic, simple, and carefully adapted to the rhetorical sense of the words.

No. 52. Shall I come, sweete Love, to thee. This is the first of three songs here given from the Third Booke of Ayres, in which it is No. 17. It is in two parts, treble and bass: but it is intended to have also a lute, some little hint of which is here given in the accompaniment.

REFERENCES. Jackson, Keel, Campion (Third Booke of Ayres).

No. 53. Never weather-beaten sail.

This is taken from the Divine and Moral Songs (Book I, No. 2). It is in four parts, separately written, as given here, and is intended (as the note says) for accompaniment of lute and viols.

REFERENCES. Euterpe, Campion's Divine and Moral Songs.

No. 54. There is a Garden in her face.

This is one of Campion's most charming and characteristic efforts. It is taken from the Fourth Booke of Ayres, in which it is No. 7. It, too, is in two parts, treble and bass, but is intended to be accompanied by a lute. In the present arrangement the three parts can also be played (as was usual at that period) on three viols—or, more conveniently, on violin, viola, and violoncello.

REFERENCES. Keel, Campion's Fourth Booke of Ayres.

JOHN WILBYE.

Or Wilbye's life practically nothing is known. In 1598 he published his first set of madrigals—a collection of thirty, in three, four, five, and six parts. In 1601–03 appeared The Triumphs of Oriana, which contained Wilbye's "The Lady Oriana." The second set of madrigals came out in 1609; and in 1614 Leighton's Teares or Lamentacions contained two pieces by Wilbye, viz., "I am quite tired" (four parts), and "O God the Rock" (five parts). These were of course brought out in parts, as was usual at the time, and were first printed in score by the Musical Antiquarian Society at the latter part of the last century.

No. 55. Flora gave me fairest flowers. This song appears as one of the first set of madrigals (1598), being the last of those in five parts: the present version is simply an arrangement of these five parts for the pianoforte. Wilbye is acknowledged as one of the chief glories of the Elizabethan period. Some go even further, and Dr. Walker says, in his History of Music in England: "Both as a technical musician and as an expressive artist, Wilbye is one of the very greatest figures in English music; his total output, compared with that of many of his contemporaries, was not large, but its splendid quality places him, along with Purcell, at the head of English composers."

REFERENCE. First Set of Madrigals.

JOHN BENET.

JOHN BENET (circa 1570–1615) was one of the group of well-known madrigal writers, and was included in the band who took part in *The Triumphs of Oriana* (1601–03).

No. 56. Weep, O mine eyes.

This specimen of Benet's work in the present collection is one of a set (No. 13) of "Madrigals to Foure Voyces, by John Bennet, his first works, at London. Printed in Little Saint Hellens by William Barley, the assigne of Thomas Morley. M.D.XC.IX." This title is from the facsimile of the original title-page, which is reproduced in the Musical Antiquarian Society's edition.

These madrigals were constantly announced as "apt for Voyces or Viols;" and, when performed by voices, a missing part would be supplied by a viol, or vice versa. In addition to which, they were frequently sung by a single voice, to a viol or harpsichord accompaniment: so that purists need scent no sacrilege in seeing the madrigal arranged here for pianoforte and voice. It is sometimes known as "Flow, O my Tears," the change having been made, possibly, to distinguish it from Wilbye's setting of the same words. Dr. Walker speaks of this, in his History of Music in England, as a very pathetic and beautiful composition, and places Benet's work, generally, with that of Bateson and Weelkes, "only a little behind that of Wilbye: between the three there is very little to choose, and each is among the great English composers." This is, no doubt, a judicious

verdict: but others may be inclined to waive the distinction and accept them as equals.

REFERENCE. Benet's Madrigals.

PHILIP ROSSETER.

PHILIP ROSSETER was born about 1575, and became a well-known lute-player. In 1601 he published a "Booke of Ayres, set foorth and to be song to the Lute, Orpherion [an instrument of similar type], and Base Violl." It consisted of two equal parts with separate indices, the first twenty-one songs being entirely by Campion, both words and music, while to the second half Rosseter himself wrote the music.

No. 57. If she forsake me.

The present song is No. 17 in this set. In 1610 a patent was granted to a company, of whom he was one, appointing them Masters of the Children of the Queen's Revels. In 1515 he, with three others, obtained a Privy Seal patent for a theatre in Blackfriars; but the Lord Mayor and Aldermen compelled them to relinquish it when the building was nearly finished. This was evidently in consequence of the same Puritan movement that had driven Shakespeare's theatre, some fifteen years earlier, out of the city, and led to the erection of the Globe, on the Surrey side. Rosseter died May 5, 1623.

These songs have the melody and bass only, which are here unaltered. The lute and orpherion were apparently expected to follow their fancy. This was often the way in Elizabethan times, which are frequently held up to us as a pattern, though this procedure, at any rate, must have sometimes led to weird results, as a phrase of Campion's will indicate: "Yet doe wee daily observe that when any shall sing a Treble to an instrument, the standers by will be offring at an inward part out of their owne nature; and, true or false, out it must, though to the perverting of the whole harmonie." In this song the insertion of the $\frac{2}{4}$ measure is conjectural. A previous editor has it; and it seems particularly happy as giving a slight pause after the question and answer. The song is quite simple, but there is a quaintness about it that is very engaging.

With regard to Campion, who was a composer as well as a poet, the reader will find a note in connection with his own songs, given in this collection.

REFERENCES. Euterpe, Keel (Elizabethan Love Songs), Rosseter (Book of Ayres, Part II, 1601).

THOMAS FORD.

THOMAS FORD (1580-1648) was one of the musicians (at a salary of £30) in the suite of that Prince Henry of Wales who was so greatly beloved, and whose death left the succession open to Charles I. On the latter's accession to the throne Ford was appointed one of the Court Musicians at a salary of £80. In 1607 he published "Musicke of Sundrie Kindes, set forth in two Bookes, the first whereof are Aires for four Voyces to the Lute, Orpharion, or Basse-Viol, with a Dialogue for two Voyces and two Bass Viols in parts tunde the Lute way. The Second are Pavens, Galiards, Thumpes and such like, for two Basse Viols, the Liera way, so made as the greatest number may serve to play alone, very easie to be performde." In the first part of this work occurs the song here given:

No. 58. Since first I saw your face.

Ford was not one of the great musicians of his time; yet, as sometimes happens, his simple and unpretentious air has outlasted many a more ambitious work, and is still a really popular melody. Harmony was not his strong point, and none of the modern versions have reproduced his original in this particular. The song has on occasion been called a madrigal, and the term was not infrequently applied, at that period, to such pieces: as, however, it has for long been restricted to choral compositions with points of imitation, it seems a pity to confuse the terminology.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Jackson, Kidson, Boosey, Duncan, Stanford, The Harmonist.

WILLIAM LAWES.

WILLIAM LAWES came of a musical family, one of his brothers being the well-known Henry Lawes, and another a vicar choral of Salisbury Cathedral. He was born probably about 1582 at Salisbury, and received musical instruction from Coperario at the expense of the Earl of Hereford. He then went to Chichester Cathedral, and from there in January, 1603, to the Chapel Royal. Later, he became one of the Chamber Musicians to Charles I, and was much beloved, says Fuller, "by all who cast any looks towards virtue and honor." He entered the royalist army at the Civil War. Lord Gerrard made him a commissary to avoid risks, but his zeal carried him away, and he was shot at the siege of Chester, in 1645.

In 1633 he joined Ives in writing the music for Triumphs of Peace. Boyce has preserved an anthem of his—"The Lord is my Light." Various other compositions appeared, some in Select Musicall Ayres and Dialogues, 1653 and 1659; some in Select Musical Ayres ("Catch that catch can"), 1652; and in other forms. His portrait is in the Music School, Oxford.

No. 59. Gather your rosebuds.

This song appeared in Playford's Ayres and Dialogues, mentioned above, and was originally in three parts, soprano, tenor, and bass. It became very popular in ballad form. The words are from Herrick's Hesperides. Robert Herrick (1591-1674) is one of the most charming writers of love verses, and a true poet. In 1629, after his mother's death, he took orders and went to live in Devonshire, which he found a great contrast after his gay London and university life. His one book, containing the Hesperides and Noble Numbers, appeared in 1647. Such pieces as "To daffodils," "Go, lovely rose," and "To Anthea, who may command him anything," are among the treasures of our language. "Gather ye rosebuds" has been many times set, but this contemporary version is of special interest. It is preserved in the British Museum, Add. MSS., 29396, page 17.

TO THE VIRGINS, TO MAKE MUCH OF TIME *

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, Old Time is still a-flying:

*As will be seen, there are variations in the text of this song. The version given in the old musical MSS. is here printed with the music, and the accepted literary version below. Several titles have also been used; a similar course has been followed in that respect.

And this same flower that smiles today Tomorrow will be dying.

The glorious Lamp of Heaven, the Sun, The higher he's a-getting, The sooner will his race be run, And nearer he's to setting.

That age is best which is the first, When youth and blood are warmer: But being spent, the worse, and worst Times still succeed the former.

Then be not coy, but use your time; And while you may, go marry: For having lost but once your prime, You may for ever tarry.

ROBERT HERRICK

REFERENCES. Dolmetsch, Duncan, Chappell, Baring-Gould, Kidson, Essex Harmony, Grove.

ORLANDO GIBBONS.

Orlando Gibbons, one of the chief musical glories of the Elizabethan era, was born at Cambridge in 1583, and received his musical education in the choir of King's College, which he entered in 1596. In 1604 he was appointed organist at the Chapel Royal. About 1610 he published the celebrated Fantasies in three Parts; and the following year joined with Byrd and Bull in the publication of Parthenia. In 1612 his First set of Madrigals and Motets of five Parts appeared. His main work, however, consisted of anthems, services, etc., for the Anglican Church; and Dr. Walker speaks of him as "virtually the Father of pure Anglican music." He published also other works, two of his Virginal pieces being preserved in the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book. In 1622 he received the degree of Mus. Doc. at Oxford. In 1623 he became organist of Westminster Abbey; and in 1625 was summoned to Canterbury for the marriage of Charles I and Henrietta Maria, for which occasion he composed an ode and other music. Here he took smallpox, died, and was buried in the cathedral.

No. 60. The Silver Swan. This song appears in the book of madrigals men-

tioned above (five parts). The words to all these are by Christopher Hatton. "The Silver Swan" is somewhat slight and has little of the typical imitation of the genus, but this is an advantage for the purpose of such an arrangement as this, and the sentiment of the music is very finely conceived. Gibbons's madrigals, on the whole, are more serious than was the custom of the time, somewhat meditative, and pondering gravely upon life. Madrigals were often sung to the lute when no choir was available, so that there is no solecism in the present arrangement. One small point may be noticed: the first note in the alto in measures 10 and 17 is Eb, as here given, though some editions have D-apparently owing to the editors' doubt as to Gibbons's writing an unprepared augmented fifth. The edition of the Musical Antiquarian Society is correct.

REFERENCE. Gibbons's Madrigals.

HENRY LAWES.

HENRY LAWES was the younger brother of William Lawes, and was born probably in December, 1595. He became a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal in 1626. In 1634 he wrote the music for the production of Milton's Masque Comus, at Ludlow Castle (Michaelmas), and himself performed the part of the Attendant Spirit. This association led to a permanent friendship between Lawes and the great poet, who addressed to him the sonnet beginning:

Harry, whose tuneful and well-measured song.

In 1653 he published Ayres and Dialogues for One, Two, and Three Voyces, with a portrait, reproduced by Grove, showing him to have been rather of the Cavalier type. Two other books with the same title followed in 1655 and 1658. He also set the Christmas songs in Herrick's Hesperides, and wrote various other works. He died in October, 1662, and was buried in the Cloisters of Westminster Abbey.

No. 61. Bid me to live.

This is one of the songs in Herrick's Hesperides, and Lawes's setting appeared in the Ayres and

Dialogues of 1653, mentioned above. It was reprinted in Playford's Treasure of Music (1669). Dolmetsch, following Playford, gives the opening thus:

Bid me but live, and I will live Thy votary to be;

but the version here given is accepted by all the best authorities on Herrick, and this seems a case for following the literary rather than the musical experts.

REFERENCES. Duncan, Kidson, Dolmetsch.

No. 62. Here's a health unto His Majesty. This song, which has been popular since the days of Charles II, is by Jeremy Savile, and appears in Playford's Musical Companion (1667). It is referred to in two of Shadwell's plays—The Miser (1672), and Epsom Wells (1673).

REFERENCES. Jackson, Chappell, Baring-Gould, Kidson, Duncan, Stanford.

MATTHEW LOCKE.

MATTHEW LOCKE was born at Exeter in 1632, and was early engaged in dramatic music, since in 1653 he collaborated with Christopher Gibbons for the music to Shirley's Masque, Cupid and Death. At the time of the Restoration (1661) he wrote music for Charles II's procession from the Tower to Whitehall, the day before the coronation; and he was the author of several anthems for the Chapel Royal. One of his best known works is the Macbeth-music, written for a production initiated by Sir William Davenant, whose death unfortunately intervened, the play being finally given by his widow and son, in 1672. The music has been ascribed to Purcell on account of a copy having been found in his handwriting. It seems, however, that he copied it as a study in preparation for his own sorceress-music in Dido and Aeneas, his first dramatic composition, three years after Locke's death. Purcell was only fourteen years of age at the time of this Macbeth production. Locke died in 1677. There is a portrait of him in the Music School at Oxford.

No. 63. My lodging it is on the cold ground. This piece appears in The Rivals, founded on

Fletcher's Two Noble Kinsmen. Chappell says Pepys witnessed the play twice in 1664, but it became most popular about 1667, when Moll Davis and Betterton appeared in it. Moll Davis so took Charles II's fancy that he removed her from the stage and had a child by her; whereupon it was said that she sang this song so touchingly that it raised her bed from the cold ground to the couch royal. The original air is here given, though the words are now often sung to a later, popular air which suits them less. This latter is also associated with words by Rochester. Locke's air appears in The Dancing Master of 1665.

REFERENCES. Chappell, Duncan.

PELHAM HUMFREY.

Pelham Humfrey was born in 1647, and was one of a group of three very gifted "Children of the Chapel" (i.e., boys educated as choristers in the Chapel Royal), immediately after the Restoration. The other two were Wise and Blow, the last being the best known, perhaps owing to his having lived out his natural life, while Humfrey - possibly a finer genius - died young. He was sent by Charles II to study in Paris under Lully, and on his return in 1667 was admitted a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. In 1672 he succeeded Cooke as Master of the Choristers, and died two years later in his twenty-seventh year. He has left really fine work. Boyce preserves seven anthems in his collection, the best, perhaps, being "O Lord my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"—an elevated and very pathetic composition. Both this and "Have mercy upon me, O Lord!" contain the chord of the augmented sixth, unprepared, some dozen years or more before Bach's birth. Two of his songs are given in this collection, and these represent very fairly his powers in this kind.

No. 64. I pass all my hours.

This song is sometimes called "The Phoenix," and is printed under that title in Jackson's English Melodies. The rhythm halts somewhat owing to the frequent quarter-note, following an eighthnote, at the end of the measure; and the two

measures of C bass with dotted half-notes both in bass and melody are a little unfortunate. The song has, nevertheless, a distinct charm of its own. Neither bass nor melody,—all that Humfrey left,—of course, has been tampered with.

Both words and music appear in Playford's Choice Songs, and the words are said, in an old copy, to be written by Charles II—an ascription which to Horace Walpole, at least, seemed probable enough. The copy in question adds: "and set by Mr. Pelham Humfrey, Master of the Children of his Chapel."

REFERENCES. Hawkins (App. No. 32), Burney, Playford, Jackson.

No. 65. O the sad day!

This pathetic song is preserved in the British Museum (Add. MSS. 29396). The words are by Thomas Flatman. The voice-part and bass only are given, and in the present version these remain untouched. Here and there, as in measures 6 to 9, this bass shows signs of uncertainty in the way it hovers about the D; but on the whole the song is remarkable for the period, and shows genuine feeling, notably in measures 1 to 4, and at the diminished fourth on "those dear eyes." The augmented triad used in measure 1 is not an anachronism: it was employed without preparation before Humfrey's time.

REFERENCE. Jackson.

JOHN BLOW.

DR. BLOW is one of the chief musical figures of the Restoration Period. He was born in 1648, and was one of the Children of the Chapel Royal on its revival in 1660. He became organist at Westminster Abbey in 1669, resigned in favor of his pupil Purcell in 1680, was reappointed on Purcell's death in 1692, and then held the office till his own death in 1708. He wrote a large number of anthems, etc., for use in the services there and in the Chapel Royal, of which also he was one of the organists. Three services and eleven anthems are preserved in Boyce's collection of Cathedral Music. In 1700 he published a collection of songs, etc., under the title Amphion

Anglicus, from which both of the two songs here given are taken.

No. 66. Tell me no more.

This song also is from the Amphion Anglicus, where it appears simply as a melody with figured bass accompaniment. This bass has been preserved in the present version. The title-page of the original edition (1700) says: "A Thorow-Bass to each Song, figur'd for an Organ, Harpsichord, or Theorboe-Lute By Dr. John Blow. London: Printed by Wm. Pearson for the Author; and are to be Sold at his House in the Broad Sanctuary, over against Westminster Abbey, and by Henry Playford, at his shop in the Temple-Change, Fleet St. MDCC."

REFERENCE. Amphion Anglicus.

No. 67. It is not that I love you less.

This is a setting of words by the well-known poet, Edmund Waller (1606–1687). This piece (called also "The Self-banished") was set likewise by Henry Lawes and others. Kidson gives a setting by Charles Young, father-in-law of Dr. Arne. In the present version the original bass is preserved.

REFERENCES. Duncan, Kidson, Boosey, Novello, Amphion Anglicus.

HENRY PURCELL.

HENRY PURCELL, who may be considered one of England's really great composers, was born about 1658, in Westminster. He entered the Chapel Royal when little more than six years of age, and was at first under Captain Henry Cooke; but at his death in 1672 was transferred to Pelham Humfrey. Later, he became Blow's pupil for composition; and in 1675, when about seventeen, was commissioned to compose music for Dido and Aeneas, written by Nahum Tate. This was performed by a Girl's School in Leicester Fields, under the direction of the Principal, Josias Priest, who was also a dancing-master, and led to Purcell's being commissioned to write music for Dryden's Aurung-zebe, as well as for Shadwell's Epsom Wells, and The Libertine (1676), both of which

were given on the public stage; and other dramatic works followed from time to time.

In 1680 he was appointed organist at Westminster Abbey, in succession to—and many say at the suggestion of—Blow, who resumed the post on Purcell's death. In 1682 he became organist at the Chapel Royal, on the death of Edward Lowe. His connection with these churches led to his writing a good deal of church music, much of which is very fine, and some—such as the anthem "O Lord God of Hosts"—magnificent.

In 1690 he wrote new music for Shadwell's version of *The Tempest*; and in 1691 came his chief dramatic work, *King Arthur*, for Dryden's play. This was a great success; and about a dozen songs from it are included in the *Orpheus Britannicus*. In 1692 came *The Indian Queen* (Howard and Dryden), which contains the celebrated song, "Ye twice ten hundred Deities." He died at home (Westminster) in November, 1695, and was buried under the organ in the Abbey.

No. 68. I attempt from love's sickness to fly. This pleasant song is from The Indian Queen, and is included in the Orpheus Britannicus, which is a collection of Purcell's songs for one, two, and three voices, from various sources, published by his widow in 1698. A second edition, enlarged, followed in 1711; and a third, now very rare, in 1721. It is from this last that the present version is prepared. Only melody and bass are given (and are here preserved), with some, though incomplete, figuring. The volume is of stamped leather, about thirteen inches by nine inches. It is two inches thick, and contains two books (four hundred and ninety pages), - in all about one hundred and eighty songs. The first part has a dedication to Lady Howard, by Purcell's wife; the second contains a dedication to Lord Halifax, by Playford.

REFERENCES. Orpheus Britannicus, Boosey, Jackson, Baring-Gould, Novello.

No. 69. Nymphs and Shepherds.

This very attractive song is also preserved in the Orpheus Britannicus, and comes from The Libertine, mentioned above. As in the last case, only

the melody and bass are given, both of which have been preserved in the present version. The figuring is still more exiguous, a couple of 2's being the whole of the directions in this kind. The imitational passages have been carried out in the manner of Purcell's, in similar pieces with string accompaniments.

REFERENCES. Orpheus Britannicus, Novello.

No. 70. I'll sail upon the dog-star.

THIS is from The Fool's Preferment (Act IV), written in 1688 to Tom d'Urfey's play. It is preserved in the Orpheus Britannicus, and the same remarks as were made for Nos. 68 and 69 apply in this case.

REFERENCES. Orpheus Britannicus, Jackson, Baring-Gould, Novello.

No. 71. Dido's Song.

It is noticeable that the ground-bass of this very touching song is almost identical with one sometimes used by Bach—most notably in the great "Crucifixus" in the B minor Mass. Purcell, of course, does not show so much resource in varying the effects, but he makes fine use of the idea, and his avoidance of the full cadence in the sixth measure from the end is a very happy touch. As might be conjectured, the song comes from Dido and Aeneas, and that it should have been written at the age of seventeen, and ten years before Bach's birth, is remarkable. The present is simply an arrangement for pianoforte of the original string-parts.

REFERENCE. Dido and Aeneas.

No. 72. Mad Bess.

This song, also, appears in the Orpheus Britannicus, Book I. It is not—like the greater number of the pieces in that collection—taken from one of the operas, but is a separate song standing entirely on its own merits. The title there is "Bess of Bedlam;" voice and figured bass only are given. Considering the state of the separate song at the time,—and indeed until Schubert came,—it is remarkable that Purcell has done as much as he has in the way of poetic illustration. Reference. Orpheus Britannicus.

No. 73. What shall I do?

In 1690 Purcell wrote music for a quasi-opera by Betterton, based upon Beaumont and Fletcher's play, The Prophetess, or the History of Dioclesian; and the present song appears in Act III. The air was afterwards adapted to the words, "Virgins are like the fair Flower in its Lustre," in The Beggars' Opera. The score of the opera was published in 1691, and in the dedication, to the Duke of Somerset, Purcell has some interesting remarks on the state of music in England at the time, which are quoted in Grove. The song is very attractive, with its strongly rhythmic, dancelike character. It does not appear in the Orpheus Britannicus. Some of the current versions seem to be either carelessly done, or to take unwarrantable liberties, even Purcell's bass, the substratum of the whole, being frequently altered. REFERENCES. Purcell's Dioclesian, Novello.

RICHARD LEVERIDGE.

RICHARD LEVERIDGE was primarily a bass singer, and was born in 1670. He sang in Blow's "Te Deum" and "Jubilate" for St. Cecilia's Day, 1695, at Drury Lane, 1705-07, at the Queen's Theatre, 1708-12, and in Rich's Company at Lincoln's Inn Fields and Covent Garden for nearly thirty years. In 1730 (at the age of sixty) his voice was so well preserved that he challenged all comers in a bass song, for one hundred guineas. About 1726 he opened a coffee-house in Tavistock Street, Covent Garden. Meantime he had been doing some composition—in 1699 the music for The Island Princess, or the Generous Portuguese, and in 1716 music for a comic masque -Pyramus and Thisbe - of his own compiling from Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. He published a number of songs in 1727, in two small volumes, and others appeared separately. He died in March, 1758, having been supported during his last years by a subscription among his friends.

No. 74. The Roast Beef of Old England. Chappell gives three versions of the words of this song: (1) The original two verses by Field-

ing, from his Don Quixote in England, 1733; (2) Leveridge's six verses, the first being simply an appropriation of Fielding's; and (3) The Roast Beef Cantata, by Forest, in illustration of Hogarth's picture, The Gate of Calais. Hogarth, it seems, had an inveterate enmity for the French, having narrowly escaped being shot as a spy for sketching the gate of Calais. The present song is preserved in Welsh's British Musical Miscellany, and in the Universal Musician, both undated. References. Chappell, Kidson, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Boosey, Stanford.

No. 75. Black-eyed Susan.

The tune of this song was used in several operas of the time. The words are by Gay, were written not later than 1723, and were also set by several other composers: it was Leveridge's tune, however, that took the popular fancy. Duncan gives, in his Appendix, an earlier version of this tune, which bears little resemblance to its present form as here printed. It comes from a volume of half-sheet songs in the British Museum. The book contains four settings, by Carey, Leveridge, Haydon, and Sandonis, of "Sweet William and Blackeyed Susan," as the song was formerly called. References. Chappell, Duncan, Kidson.

T. Augustine Arne.

Dr. Arne, as he is usually called, was born in 1710, and was the son of an upholsterer in Covent Garden. He went to Eton, and was educated for the law, but his natural bent declared itself and overcame all obstacles. Like Handel, he managed to smuggle a spinet upstairs, and practised at night with the strings muffled. His passion for the opera led him to borrowa servant's livery, and so to get in undetected. At last, when his father found him leading a chamber-band at a friend's house, before he was believed to know how to handle a fiddle, he saw that it was of no use to oppose him any longer, and bowed to the inevitable.

The lad soon got into opera-composing; and, after teaching his sister singing, wrote, and produced at Lincoln's Inn Fields, music to Addison's opera, *Rosamund* (1733), in which she took

the name-part. Various similar works followed, among them Alfred, produced in 1740 at the residence of Frederick, Prince of Wales (afterwards killed by a cricket-ball), and in which occurs the song "Rule Britannia." In the December of the same year, for a revival of As You Like It, he set two or three songs, not all of which really belong to the play. The two years 1742-44 he spent in Dublin. In 1746 he wrote, for The Tempest at Drury Lane, the song "Where the Bee sucks." In 1759 he received the Oxford degree of Mus. Doc., honoris causa. He produced many other operas, glees, catches, canons, etc., before his death in 1778. He was buried at St. Paul's, Covent Garden.

No. 76. Under the greenwood tree.

This is of course one of the As You Like It songs mentioned above. Many of the current versions are rather sophisticated: the present one has been prepared fromwhat is apparently a contemporary print, which gives the songs sung at this production, in score. This score is very simple, consisting only of piccolo, violins, voice, and figured bass, which last would certainly be filled up at the harpsichord, and probably by Arne himself. The spirit of the words is well caught, and the song has deservedly remained the standard setting.

References. Duncan, Chappell, Baring-Gould, Boosey, The Skylark, Novello, Stanford, Arne's As You Like It music.

No. 77. Blow, blow, thou winter wind.

THE same remarks apply to this. The music, which is perforce of a more intimate character, thereby attains a higher beauty, and is more vital and touching. It will be noticed that Arne did not set the whole of the words.

REFERENCES. Jackson, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Boosey, The Skylark, Novello, Stanford, Arne's As You Like It music.

No. 78. When daisies pied.

This song appears in the same set, having been inserted for the 1744 production, and sung by Celia. It comes, of course, from Love's Labor's Lost. The piccolo is here replaced in the score by the flauto traversa.

REFERENCES. Duncan, Kidson, The Skylark, Novello, Boosey, Baring-Gould, Arne's As You Like It music.

No. 79. Tell me where is fancy bred.

This, too, from *The Merchant of Venice*, was appropriated for the 1744 production, the flute being again a piccolo. It is very strong, as music, though it perhaps is not quite successful in reflecting the delicate and fanciful beauty of the words. It will be noticed that Arne did not set the whole of the words.

REFERENCE. Arne's As You Like It music.

No. 80. Where the bee sucks.

This, as mentioned above, was written for a production of *The Tempest* at Drury Lane, in 1746. It is a very charming effort, has taken a permanent place on the stage, and is the most adequate setting of the words which has so far appeared. References. Duncan, Kidson, Boosey, *The Skylark*, Novello, Stanford, Arne's *As You Like It* music.

THOMAS LINLEY.

THOMAS LINLEY was born at Wells, about 1725, and became a singing-master at Bath. In 1774 he collaborated with Stanley in the production of oratorios at Drury Lane; and on Stanley's death in 1786, with Dr. Arnold. His daughter married the brilliant Richard Brinsley Sheridan, for whose play, The Duenna, Linley and his son Thomas supplied the music. In 1776 he bought part of Garrick's share in Drury Lane and became musical manager, composing a good deal himself. He died in Southampton Street, Covent Garden (his home), in November, 1795, and was buried in Wells Cathedral.

No. 81. Here's to the maiden.

This well-known and breezy song comes from Sheridan's scintillating comedy, The School for Scandal, which was produced in 1777. The tune was adapted by Linley from an old dance-tune, "Half-Hanykin," which appears in all the early editions of Playford's Dancing Master, from the first (1650) onward. Linley has done so much to the tune, however, that it may really be called

his. The old copies of the song bear the title "The General Toast."

References. Duncan, Kidson, Boosey, Baring-Gould, Chappell.

WILLIAM JACKSON.

THE author of Jackson's Te Deum (in F), at one time so popular, was born in 1730, as the son of a grocer at Exeter. He received a good general education, and in music became a pupil, first, of Silvester, organist of Exeter Cathedral, and afterwards (1748) of Travers, in London. He returned to Exeter as a teacher, and in 1755 published a set of twelve songs, which immediately became popular. From this time his compositions flowed in a pretty copious stream, among them a comic opera, The Metamorphosis, produced at Drury Lane in December, 1783, the words of which, as well as the music, were attributed to him. It was not a great success, being performed only two or three times. He wrote a fair amount of church-music, which was not published till long after his death, when it was edited by Paddon, then organist of Exeter Cathedral. It is not of high quality, though the Te Deum had a great vogue and is still used. Jackson was also an amateur painter, an imitator of Gainsborough, whose friend he was. He died in July, 1803.

No. 82. What shepherd or nymph of the grove? This is number eleven of a set of twelve songs marked Opera Settima. It has a simple charm, and is composed for voice and cembalo solo, fully written out, and here merely transcribed. There is a curious introduction to the volume in which the Opera Settima appears, wherein Mr. Jackson falls foul of Dryden, Pope, and others, for specifying instruments in musical odes, which he regards as very embarrassing, since it forces the composers to execute the order willy-nilly.

REFERENCE. Jackson (Twelve Songs, Op. 7, No. 11).

No. 83. To fairest Delia's grassy tomb. This is number twelve of the same set, and, like the last, is composed for voice and cembalo solo, fully written out. It has only been necessary to

add a few notes here and there, where, to modern ears, there was a very noticeable bareness. It likewise has a touching and direct quality which constitutes its value.

REFERENCE. Jackson (Twelve Songs, Op. 7, No. 12).

CHARLES DIBDIN.

CHARLES DIBDIN, the writer of sea-songs, was the son of a Southampton silversmith, and was born in the year of "Bonnie Prince Charlie's" Rebellion — 1745. He was the eighteenth child, and the family had been of some importance, his grandfather having been a wealthy merchant and the founder of the village of Dibdin. Sea-affairs would be brought before the child's mind at Southampton, especially as his eldest brother was captain of an Indiaman. Charles went to Winchester College, and while there felt the call of music, and sang with the choristers not only in the college chapel, but also in the cathedral. Kent, the organist, wrote anthems for him and taught him to sing them; and Fussel, his successor, taught the boy the rudiments of music. Beyond this he was self-taught, studying Corelli's concertos and Rameau's works. At fifteen he went to London as an employee in Johnson's music warehouse, but soon left this for the stage, getting an engagement as actor-singer at Covent Garden. Beard, the manager, encouraged him, and gave him a benefit, at which he produced his Pastoral (words and music), The Shepherd's Artifice (1762-63). This was the first of a long series. Dibdin was connected with the theatres all his life, wrote music for a large number of pieces, and wrote also a large number which were entirely his own. In 1796 he built a theatre, which he called "Sans Souci;" about 1798-99 he published a History of the Stage; in 1802 the Government granted him a pension of two hundred pounds; in 1803 he published his own Professional Life; in 1805 he sold his theatre and retired. Shortly after this, owing to a change of ministry, his pension was withdrawn, and he opened a music-shop, which failed and left him bankrupt. A subscription was then opened, and an annuity of thirty pounds was purchased for himself, his wife, and daughter, successively. Later on, his pension was returned. In 1813 he was attacked by paralysis, and died in July, 1814, at Camden Town, London.

In 1823 a collection of ninety-nine songs was issued by Dr. Kitchiner, with the approval of Dibdin's widow. This edition, which contains a biographical sketch and the songs in their original form (tune and bass), has been used in the preparation of the present issue.

No. 84. Blow high, blow low.

This is one of Dibdin's best known songs, and was composed in a gale during a thirteen-hour passage from Calais. "It arose," he says, "out of reflections that I was on my return to her who has since lent inspiration to so many similar sentiments." It should be understood that Dibdin's gift was especially for melody: his technique in the matter of harmony, and so forth, was small; and consequently his songs have been edited from the beginning. In a volume containing more than one thousand of his songs (1842), four men were engaged to provide pianoforte accompaniments. In the present version Dibdin's melody and bass are preserved. These facts will explain any differences that may be observed between the songs as given here and elsewhere. This song first appeared in The Seraglio (1776).

No. 85. Yo, heave ho!

This song appeared first in a piece called *Tour* to the Land's End, classified as a "table entertainment," and produced in 1799, probably at Sans Souci. It has a certain sturdy quality which has given it its popularity.

No. 86. Then farewell, my trim-built wherry. This song comes from The Waterman, which was first performed at the Haymarket in 1774. Charles Bannister was the original "Poor Tom," or "Tom Tug," a part which was filled later by Incledon, Dignum, and Braham. The song has a pleasing flow of melody which has given it a wide popularity.

No. 87. Tom Bowling.

This—probably the finest, and certainly the

most widely known of all Dibdin's songs—first appeared in a piece called *The Oddities*, produced at The Lyceum in 1789. It has a touching quality, which may be partly accounted for by the fact that it was written on the occasion of the death of the writer's eldest brother, that captain of an Indiaman mentioned above, by whose help he had first been started in London. Dibdin's songs are known wherever sea-faring folk do congregate; but "Tom Bowling" is known wherever English is known, and always finds its way to the heart.

No. 88. The Jolly Young Waterman.

It is this jolly young waterman whose farewell is given as No. 85. Both songs come from *The Waterman*, produced in 1774, and were enormously successful.

JAMES HOOK.

JAMES HOOK was born in 1746 at Norwich, and received his musical instruction from Garland, the Cathedral organist. He early migrated to London, and soon got some of his songs sung at Ranelagh and Richmond. He was next engaged at Marylebone Gardens as organist and composer (1769-73); and a similar engagement followed at Vauxhall Gardens (1774-1820). During these years he is said to have written two thousand songs, cantatas, and catches, some of which won prize medals at the Catch Club. He was also for many years a church organist, and wrote music for a large number of dramatic pieces. Many of his songs were published in collections, but the greater number were issued separately. He died at Boulogne in 1827.

No. 89. The Lass of Richmond Hill.

This song was written in 1790, probably for use at Vauxhall Gardens, a purpose for which its easy sentiment and smoothly flowing melody rendered it very suitable. It has proved widely popular by reason of the same qualities. The words are attributed by some to Leonard McNally, by others to W. Hudson.

REFERENCES. Duncan, Boosey, Baring-Gould, The Thrush, Novello, Crosby, Stanford.

RICHARD JOHN SAMUEL STEVENS.

RICHARD JOHN SAMUEL STEVENS was born in London in 1757, and became a chorister in St. Paul's Cathedral, thus receiving his education. Hegained the Catch Club prizes for glees in 1782 and 1786, and in the latter year was appointed organist of the Temple. Ten years later he received the appointment (in addition) to the Charterhouse; and in March, 1801, that of Professor of Music in Gresham College. He wrote a large number of glees, many of which are of very fine quality. He died in September, 1837.

No. 90. Sigh no more, ladies.

The original form of this very arresting piece is that of a glee, but it is now very frequently sung as a song, and has been included in many collections in that guise. It has a simple sincerity and charm which cause it never to fail in its appeal. Duncan gives settings by Arne and Sullivan, the latter of which is rather sophisticated, and neither of which is so convincing as this unassuming flow of song by Stevens. The words, of course, come from *Much Ado About Nothing*, Act II, Scene 3,—the scene in which the trick is played upon Benedick to make him think Beatrice is in love with him.

REFERENCES. Boosey, The Skylark, Stanford, The Harmonist, Duncan.

JOHN DAVY.

JOHN DAVY was a native of Devonshire, and was born near Exeter in 1765. A pleasant tale is told of his childhood. The village blacksmith is said to have missed some twenty or thirty horseshoes, which were at last discovered in an upper room, where Davy, having arranged them to form a scale, was imitating Crediton chimes upon them. When about twelve, he was articled to Jackson, organist of Exeter Cathedral; and later went to London, finding employment as a teacher and in a theatre band. His powers in composition gradually became known, and he wrote music for several dramatic pieces which were produced at various theatres, including the old Sadler's Wells. He died at St. Martin's Lane, of general infirmity, in February, 1824.

No. 91. The Bay of Biscay.

This is the best known of Davy's works, and the piece upon which his reputation now rests. It originally belonged to the ballad-opera *Spanish Dollars* (1805), the words being by A. Cherry. It is a stirring song, and still a popular favorite. References. Boosey, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Stanford.

JOHN BRAHAM.

John Braham, who was of Jewish extraction, was born in London in 1774, and is said to have sold pencils in the streets for a time. Apparently Leoni, the Italian singer, heard him sing; for the boy became his pupil, and sang for his benefit at Covent Garden in April, 1787. Other appearances followed; but when Braham's voice broke he was in some difficulty, for Leoni had proved unsuccessful and left England. Abraham Goldsmith befriended the lad; and in 1794, when his voice recovered, he appeared at Bath, under the direction of Rauzzini, who gave him instruction for three years. In 1796 he appeared at Drury Lane under Storace's management, and then went to Italy, visiting and studying at Florence, Milan, and Genoa. He reappeared at Covent Garden in 1801, and thenceforward had a triumphant career as a singer. The low level to which opera had fallen is illustrated by the fact that, in whatever piece he sang, Braham made a rule of writing his own part,—a rule that he was able to follow for years. In 1826, however, he appeared as Sir Huon at the production of Weber's Oberon. In 1831 he, in partnership with Yates, bought the Colosseum for forty thousand pounds; he then built, at a cost of twenty-six thousand pounds, the St. James's Theatre, which was opened about 1836. These ventures proved unsuccessful, and the fortune he had amassed was dissipated. He died in February, 1856. He was popular in society, and his reputation as a singer was unrivalled, while his songs also created a sort of rage for some years.

No. 92. The Death of Nelson.

This is perhaps the most widely known of Braham's songs, and has had an enormous pop-

ularity. Of course it must not be judged by any high artistic standard; it attained its vogue by its patriotic and hero-worshipping sentiment, ready intelligibility, and easy vein of melody. The words are by J. S. Arnold.

REFERENCES. Boosey, Duncan, Baring-Gould.

No. 93. Drink to me only.

CHAPPELL says that "all attempts to discover the author of this simple and beautiful air have hitherto proved unavailing, and, in all probability, will now remain so." Since his time, however, it has come to seem probable that the writer was Colonel R. Mellish (1777-1817), who—says Duncan-was himself the first to sing it, at the Noblemen's and Gentlemen's Catch Club, which was founded in 1761, and had George IV and William IV among its earlier members. The song seems to have appeared in various forms: Duncan speaks of it as having been at first a duet; and Kidson speaks of a version as a glee for three voices. The words are by Ben Jonson (1573-1637), and appear among his earlier poems under the title To Celia.

REFERENCES. Boosey, Duncan, Kidson, Baring-Gould, Chappell, *The Skylark*, Crosby, Stanford, *The Harmonist*, *Pan Pipes*.

CHARLES EDWARD HORN.

CHARLES EDWARD HORN was the son of a musician from Saxony, who settled in London in 1782, under the patronage of Count Brühl, the Saxon ambassador. Four years later the son, Charles Edward, was born, and received his musical education at first from his father, and then from Rauzzini. He became an opera-singer, and made a success as Caspar at the production of Der Freischütz at Drury Lane. He also wrote several operas, and a good deal of incidental music for the stage, as well as single songs, glees, etc. During 1831-32 he was musical director at the Olympic. About 1833 he went to America, where he successfully produced several English operas at the Park Theatre, New York. He then had a serious illness, lost his voice, left the stage, began teaching, and —in partnership with a Mr. Davis - founded a business as importer and publisher of music. In 1843 he returned to England, and two years later produced his oratorio, Satan. In 1847 he again went to America, and became conductor of the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston. Early in 1848 he was back in England, but by June had returned to Boston and was reelected to his old conductorship. He died in that city in October, 1849.

He made a wide reputation, and his list of compositions is a considerable one, including opera, oratorio, cantata, song, and glee.

No. 94. Cherry ripe.

This setting of Herrick's charming song from the *Hesperides* is now by far the best known of all Horn's writings, and has attained a popularity which bids fair—and deservedly—to last for many a day yet. There is a simple freshness and charm about it which make an instant appeal to all. It first appeared in 1825.

A change or two from Herrick's text have crept into the song. His first line runs:

Cherry ripe, ripe, ripe, I cry.

And lines 6 and 7 were originally:

There's the land, or cherry isle, Whose plantations, etc.

REFERENCES. Boosey, Duncan, Baring-Gould, Stanford.

No. 95. I've been roaming.

This, too, though not equal to "Cherry ripe," is an attractive song, and a favorable specimen of the work of the period to which it belongs. The words first appeared in the *Athenaeum*, and are variously attributed to two writers on the staff—Soame and Darley.

REFERENCES. Boosey, Baring-Gould.

SIR HENRY ROWLEY BISHOP.

HENRY ROWLEY BISHOP was born in London, in November, 1786, and received his musical instruction from Francesco Bianchi. His dramatic bent declared itself early, and at the age of eighteen he wrote the music to Angelina, which was performed at Margate; the ballet-music Tamarlan and Bajazet followed, and was produced at the King's Theatre in 1806 (aet. 20). From this time

onward his connection with the theatres was very close, and his writings for them flowed in a continuous stream. In 1810 Covent Garden engaged him for three years as composer and director of music; and when this period had elapsed a fresh engagement of five years followed. In 1813 the Philharmonic Society was founded, Bishop being one of the original members and taking his turn as conductor. In 1825 he transferred his services to Drury Lane, under the management of that Elliston whom our readers will remember as the subject of one of Lamb's most picturesque essays. In 1826 Weber's Oberon was announced at Covent Garden, and consequently "The Lane" put Bishop on to prepare a rival opera as a counterattraction. This piece, Aladdin, took him more than a year to write. The book of Oberon is poor, the music fine: the book of Aladdin is even worse, and the music of Bishop hardly a makeweight to that of Weber: consequently it is no great wonder that the piece fell flat. In 1830 Bishop became musical director at Vauxhall, and a fresh series of compositions followed. In 1833 he wrote The Seventh Day for the Philharmonic Society, but this was out of his true line, and was not successful. In 1839 he received the Oxford degree of Mus. Bac. In 1841 he accepted the Chair of Music at the Edinburgh University, but resigned it in 1843. He was knighted in 1842, and on Crotch's death was appointed to the Chair of Music at Oxford. He died in April, 1855, and was buried at Finchley.

Bishop has been mentioned as almost the only instance in recent times of a man's living by composition, but there seems to be a slight misapprehension involved in the remark. His duties were generally those of director and composer: he had a steady routine of conducting and organizing to get through, and it was for this, largely, that his salary was paid. His genius is not of the great order; but he was ready, fertile in resource, and deservedly popular in his own time. One of his happiest pieces is the popular part-song, "What shall he have that killed the Deer," from As You Like It. It is to him also that we are indebted for the tune of "Home, Sweet Home,"

which he adapted from an old Sicilian air, and used in the opera *Clari*.

No. 96. Bid me discourse.

This is a fair specimen of Bishop's powers. It is straightforward, sound, honest stuff; but poetical feeling is not Bishop's forte, and there is not much of it here. The words are part of Venus's speech, in Shakespeare's *Venus and Adonis*, stanza 25. References. Boosey, Novello.

No. 97. Should he upbraid.

This song is often, following a theatrical tradition, inserted in *The Taming of the Shrew*, as a sort of introduction to the last scene. The repeated chords are rather characteristic of Bishop. References. Boosey, Baring-Gould, Novello.

No. 98. Love has eyes.

THE same characteristics are noticeable here. It would seem that the necessity of turning out theatrical stuff to time was not of unmixed advantage to Bishop's art: still, no great sentiment is required, and the music is not unsuited to the conceits of the poem.

REFERENCES. Boosey, Duncan, Novello.

No. 99. The Dashing White Sergeant.

This also shows the stage influence. It is a mezzo song; and one can almost see the actress in a semi-military costume advancing to the footlights with a theatrical smile, and with interludes of dance. It is a spirited piece, and would be bound to go down well.

REFERENCES. Boosey, Duncan, Novello.

JOSEPH AUGUSTINE WADE.

Joseph Augustine Wade was probably the son of a Dublin dairyman, and was born about 1797–1803. He married a young lady of fortune, near Athlone, but soon tired of her and returned to Dublin. Whether the fortune vanished, or whether he was cast off, he seems soon to have been in difficulties. He published a ballad, "I have culled every floweret that blows," which so struck Sir J. Stevenson that he—finding Wade had some knowledge of theory—persuaded him

to apply for the Chair of Music in the University of Dublin (!), which had been unoccupied since Lord Mornington's resignation in 1774. Matriculation, etc., proved, however, an insuperable bar, and the idea was abandoned. Wade tried surgery, but gave that up, and at last migrated to London, where he was engaged by Chappell as a sort of general utility man. Here he helped Macfarren with some of the accompaniments in the earlier issue of Chappell's national ballads, but his intemperance soon led to his dismissal. He managed to get appointed as conductor of the opera, but did not retain that post long either. His wife died, and he seems to have married again and to have had some children, as an appeal was made for them after his death. He became more and more dissipated, and his downward progress was at last rapid. He died in London, in July, 1845.

Mr. Baring-Gould tells of his having been engaged by M. Anati, at one time an officer under Murat when King of Naples, but then settled at Winchester as teacher of languages at the college. Wade had to teach Anati's daughter harmony, etc., lived in the house, and received a

salary. His drinking-habits demoralized Anati, who followed suit; and Wade found himself so comfortable that he did not relish the idea of wandering again when the engagement was over. One evening, therefore, over their gin and water, he proposed to marry his pupil and stay there in saecula saeculorum; whereupon "the proud Neapolitan" rushed to the cupboard and produced two pistols, one of which he flung at the music-master, shouting: "To death, for this insult!" Wade was sobered, incontinently fled, and returned to London post-haste. He had real talents, and, had his character been steadier, might have done good work. As it is, he is remembered by a few songs, though he wrote also one or two larger works.

No. 100. Meet me by moonlight.

This is now the best known of Wade's writings, though the duet "I've wandered in dreams," and a few other vocal pieces, are still occasionally met with. The vein is somewhat sentimental, doubtless, but it is just that quality which has given the song its vogue.

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                                Chap. 60, K 90, ED I 249, B II 18, EM 20, N 2, P. P. 11.
 5. The Hawthorn Tree.
                                Chap. 65, K 100, ED I 146, P.P. 40.
 6. Westron Wynde.
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 7. The Woods so Wild.
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18. Early one morning.
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                                CS 46.
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42. O Mistress Mine.
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100. Meet me by moonlight.

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AH! THE SIGHS THAT COME FRO' MY HEART







THE THREE RAVENS





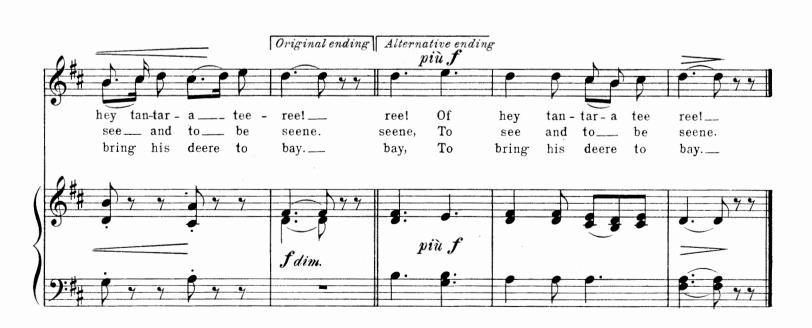


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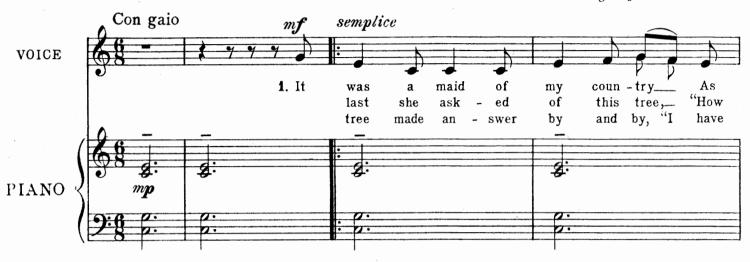




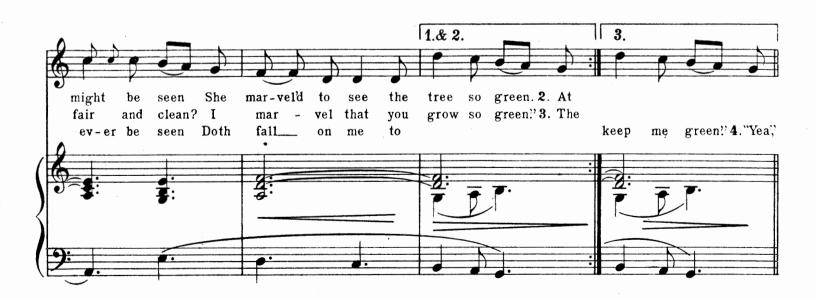


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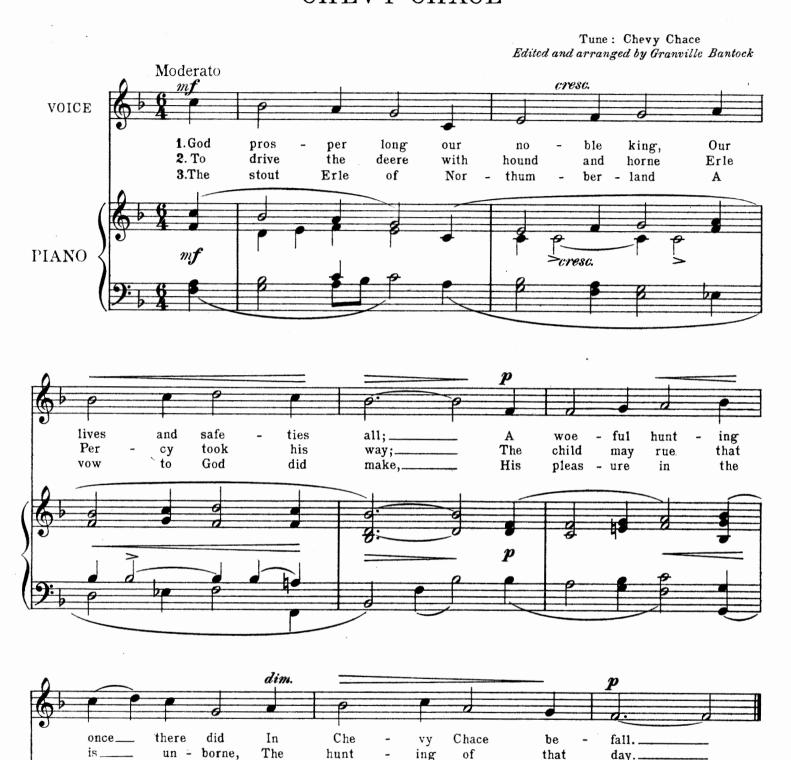


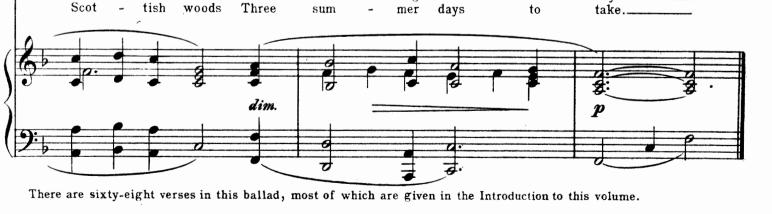
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THE WOODS SO WILD







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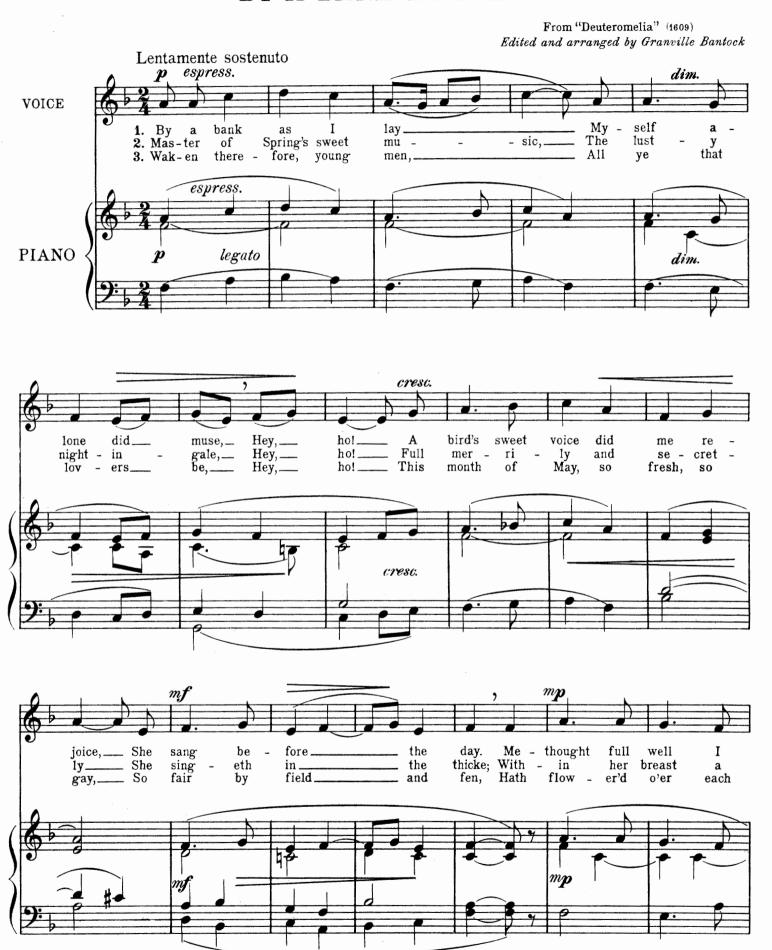
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11 BY A BANK AS I LAY





THE CARMAN'S WHISTLE





THE BRITISH GRENADIERS



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COME, LIVE WITH ME

CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE

Sixteenth Century Melody

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4.

A gown made of the finest wool Which from our pretty lambs we pull, Fair lined slippers for the cold, With buckles of the purest gold.

5

A belt of straw and ivy buds With coral clasps and amber studs: And if these pleasures may thee move, Come, live with me and be my love. 6.

Thy silver dishes for thy meat, As precious as the gods do eat, Shall on an ivory table be Prepared each day for thee and me.

7.

The shepherd swains shall dance and sing For thy delight each May-morning: If these delights thy mind may move, Then live with me and be my love.

LOVE'S ANSWER

From the "Sonnets to Sundry Notes of Music"

If that the world and love were young, And truth in every shepherd's tongue, These pretty pleasures might me move To live with thee and be thy love.

GREEN-SLEEVES



ONCE I LOVED A MAIDEN FAIR



YOU GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND



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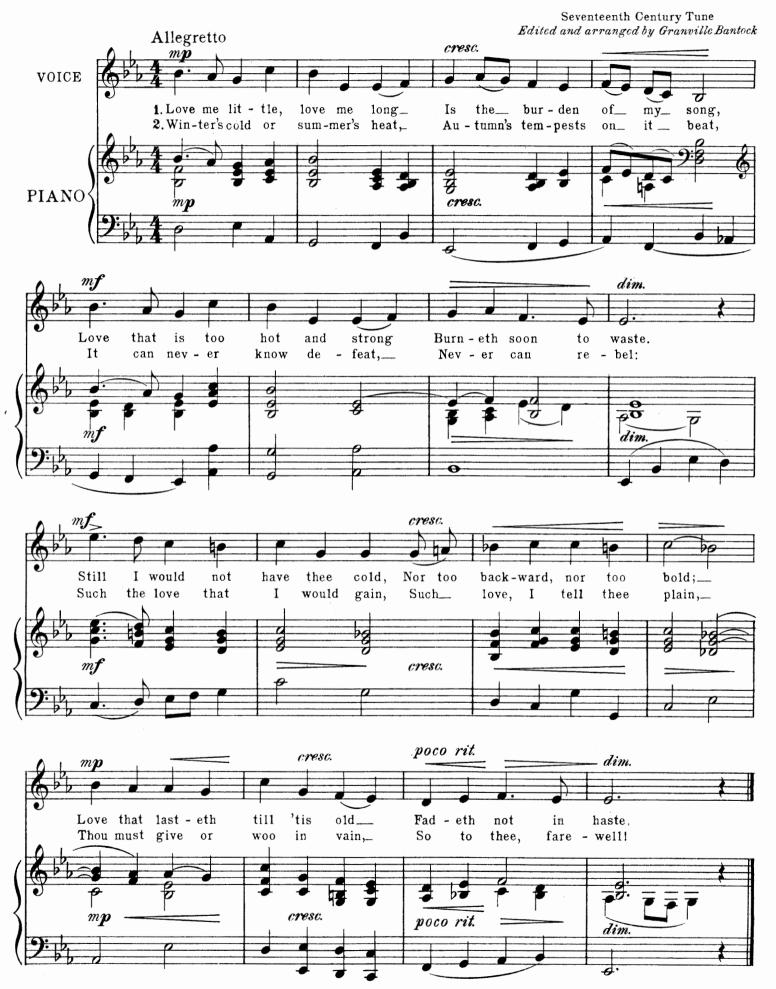


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18 EARLY ONE MORNING



LOVE ME LITTLE, LOVE ME LONG



PRETTY POLLY OLIVER





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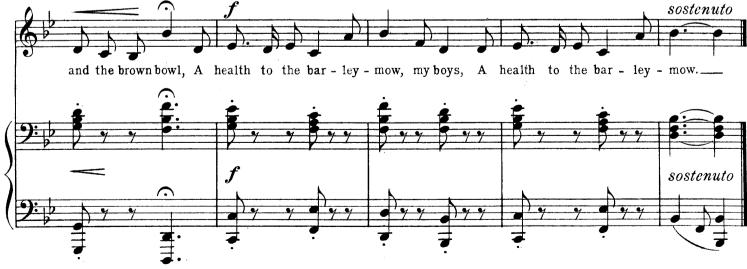
THERE WAS A JOLLY MILLER



THE BARLEY-MOW

Seventeenth Century Tune Edited and arranged by Granville Bantock 2.We'11 (3.We'11





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24 BARBARA ALLEN

Traditional Tune

Edited and arranged by Granville Bantock







He turned his face unto her, straight,
With deadly sorrow sighing:"O lovely maid, come pity me;
I'm on my death-bed lying:"

(8.)
"If on your death-bed you do lie,
What needs the tale you're tellin';
I cannot keep you from your death;
Farewell," said Barbara Allen.

He turned his face unto the wall As deadly pangs he fell in; "Adieu! Adieu! Adieu to you all! Adieu to Barbara Allen!"

As she was walking o'er the fields
She heard the bell a-knellin';
And every stroke did seem to say,
"Unworthy Barbara Allen!"

She turned her body round about
And spied the corpse a-coming;
"Lay down, lay down the corpse," she said,
"That I may look upon him."

12.
With scornful eye she looked down,
Her cheek with laughter swellin';
Whilst all her friends cried out amain:"Unworthy Barbara Allen!"

When he was dead and laid in grave
Her heart was struck with sorrow;
"O mother, mother, make my bed,
For I shall die tomorrow.

14.
"Hard-hearted creature him to slight
Who loved me so dearly!
O that I had been more kind to him
When he was alive and near me!"

She, on her death-bed as she lay,
Begged to be buried by him,
And sore repented of the day
That she did e'er deny him.

"Farewell," she said, "ye virgins all,
And shun the fault I fell in;
Henceforth take warning by the fall
Of cruel Barbara Allen"

25 THE LEATHER BOTTÉL





4.

Then what do you say to these black pots three? If a man and his wife should not agree, Why, they'll tug and pull till their liquor doth spill: In a leather bottél they may tug their fill, And pull away till their hearts do ake, And yet their liquor no harm can take.

So I wish, etc.

5.

Then what do you say to these flagons fine? Oh, they shall have no praise of mine; For when a lord is about to dine And sends them to be filled with wine, The man with the flagon doth run away Because it is silver most gallant and gay.

So I wish, etc.

6

A leather bottél we know is good,
Far better than glasses or cans of wood;
For when a man's at work in the field
Your glasses and pots no comfort will yield;
But a good leather bottél, standing by,
Will raise his spirits whenever he's dry.
So I wish, etc.

7.

At noon the haymakers sit them down
To drink from their bottles of ale nut-brown;
In summer too, when the weather is warm,
A good bottle full will do them no harm;
Then the lads and the lasses begin to tattle,
But what would they do without this bottle?
So I wish, etc.

8.

There's never a lord, an earl, or knight,
But in this bottle doth take delight;
For when he's hunting of the deer
He oft doth wish for a bottle of beer:
Likewise the man that works in the wood,
A bottle of beer will oft do him good.
So I wish, etc.

9.

And when the bottle at last grows old,
And will good liquor no longer hold,
Out of the side you may make a clout
To mend your shoes when they're worn out;
Or take and hang it up on a pin,
'Twill serve to put hinges and odd things in.
So I wish, etc.

26 JOHN PEEL



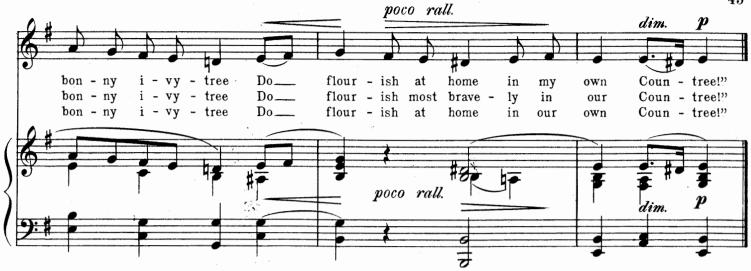


THE OAK AND THE ASH

Old Tune (circa 1608- perhaps older)

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"I like not the Court, nor to City resort,
Since there is no fancy for such maids as me;
Their pomp and their pride I can never abide,
Because with my humor it doth not agree.
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree
Do flourish at home, in my own Countree!"

5.

"How oft have I been on the Westmoreland green
Where the young men and maidens resort for to play,
Where we with delight, from morning till night,
Could feast it, and frolic, on each holiday.
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree
Do flourish most bravely in our Countree!"

6

"A-milking to go, all the maids in a row,
It was a fine sight, and pleasant to see;
But here in the city they're void of all pity,
There is no enjoyment of liberty.
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree,
They flourish most bravely in our Countree!"

7.

"When I had the heart from my friends to depart
I thought I should be a lady at last;
But now I do find that it troubles my mind,
Because that my joys and pleasures are past.
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree,
They flourish at home in my own Countree!"

8.

"The ewes and the lambs, with the kids and their dams,
To see, in the country, how finely they play!
The bells they do ring, and the birds they do sing,
And the fields and the gardens so pleasant and gay!
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree,
They flourish most bravely in our Countree!"

9.

"At wakes and at fairs, being void of all cares,
We there with our lovers did use for to dance;
Then hard hap had I my ill fortune to try,
And so up to London my steps to advance.
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree,
They flourish most bravely in our Countree!"

10.

"But still I perceive I a husband might have
If I to the City my mind could but frame;
But I'll have a lad that is North-Country bred,
Or else I'll not marry, in the mind that I am.
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree,
They flourish most bravely in our Countree!"

11.

"A maiden I am, and a maid I'll remain
Until my own country again I do see;
For here in this place I shall ne'er see the face
Of him that's allotted my love for to be.
O the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree,
They flourish at home in my own Countree!"

12.

"Then farewell, my daddy, and farewell, my mammy!
Until I do see you I nothing but mourn;
Remembering my brothers, my sisters and others,
In less than a year I hope to return:
Then the oak, and the ash, and the bonny ivy-tree,
I shall see them at home in my own Countree!"

LOVE WILL FIND OUT THE WAY





WITH JOCKEY TO THE FAIR

Popular Song (circa 1772)

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"Behold the ring!" the shepherd cried:
"Will Jenny be my charming bride?
Let Cupid be our happy guide,

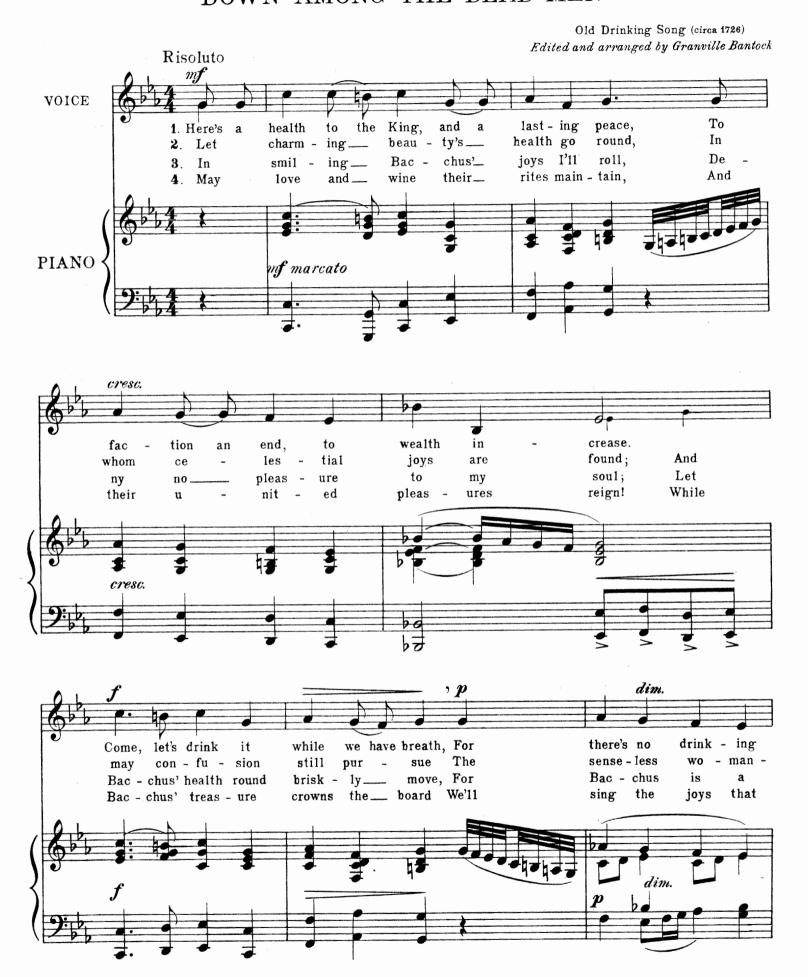
And Hymen meet us there!"
Then Jockey did his vows renew:
He would be constant, would be true:
His word was pledged_away she flew,
With cowslips sparkling with the dew,
With Jockey to the Fair.

4.

Soon did they meet a joyful throng,
Their gay companions, blithe and young;
Each joins the dance, each joins the song
To hail the happy pair:
What two were e'er so fond as they?
All bless the kind, propitious day,
The smiling morn and blooming May
When lovely Jenny ran away
With Jockey to the Fair.

5.

DOWN AMONG THE DEAD MEN





THE BAILIFF'S DAUGHTER OF ISLINGTON



4.

And when he had been seven long years,
And never his love could see:—
"Many a tear have I shed for her sake,
When she little thought of me?"

5

Then all the maids of Islington
Went forth to sport and play,
All but the bailiff's daughter dear—
She secretly stole away.

В

She pulled off her gown of green
And put on ragged attire,
And to fair London she would go,
Her true love to enquire.

7

And as she went along the high road,
The weather being hot and dry,
She sat her down upon a green bank,
And her true love came riding by.

8.

She started up, with a color so red, Catching hold of his bridle-rein:— "One penny, one penny, kind sir," she said, "Will ease me of much pain." 9.

"Before I give you one penny, sweet-heart,
Pray tell me where you were born:"
"At Islington, kind Sir," she said,
"Where I've had many a scron."

10.

"I prythee, sweet-heart, tell to me,
O tell me whether you know
The bailiff's daughter of Islington?"
"She's dead, Sir, long ago."

11.

"If she be dead, then take my horse, My saddle and bridle also; For I will into some far country Where no man shall me know."

12.

"O stay, O stay, thou goodly youth, She standeth by thy side: She is here alive, she is not dead, And ready to be thy bride."

19

"O farewell grief, and welcome joy
Ten thousand times therefore:
For now I have found mine own true love
Whom I thought I should never see more."

32 KING ARTHUR

Lancashire County Song
Edited and arranged by Granville Bantock Con spirito mf VOICE 1. King Ar thur had__ three_ that he had: King 2. The first he The was__ a_ mil-ler_that he was: 3. Now the mil-ler stole some grist_ for his mill -- that he did: And the Oh, the mil - 1er he was drown'd in his dam --- that he And the was: **PIANO** poco marcato thur had three that He Ar he had; sons ond he was; The sec was that weav - er --he for weav - er wool that did; And stole some his 100m ---he the weav - er he kill'd And was at his 100m that he was; old cresc. yore, kick'd them out of door had three sons of And he Because they could not tle,___ third he was a 1it lit - tle tail- or - boy, And ___ he was might - y 1it - tle tail - or - boy He_ stole some cor - du - roy For to keep those three rogues Nick he cut his stick With the lit - tle tail - or - boy With the broad-cloth un - der his cresc. staccato



33 THE CHESHIRE MAN





THE DERBY RAM





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THE LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER





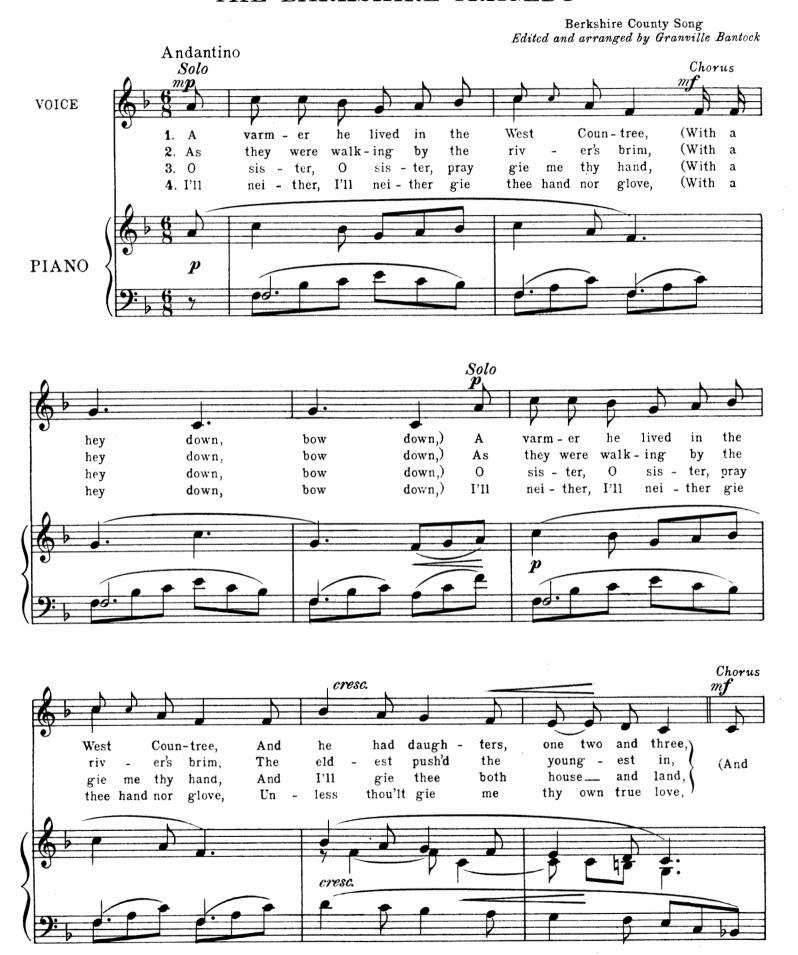


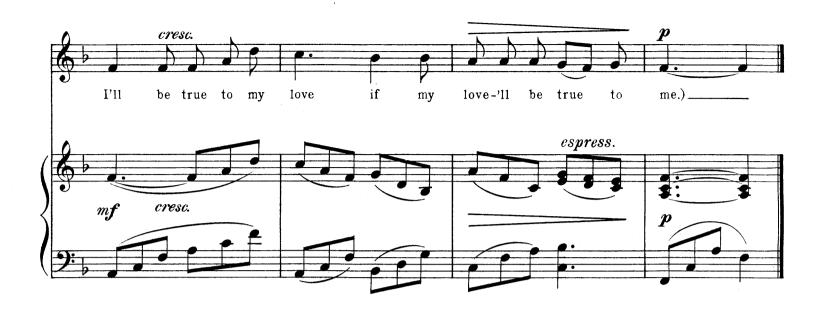
WARD THE PIRATE





THE BARKSHIRE TRAGEDY





5.

So down she sank and away she swam,
(With a hey, etc.)
Until she came to the miller's dam,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

6.

The miller's daughter stood by the door, (With a hey, etc.)
As fair as any gilly-flower,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

7.

"O vather, vather, here swims a swan,
(With a hey, etc.)

Very much like a drownded gentlewoman,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

8.

The miller he fot his pole and hook,
(With a hey, etc.)

And he fished the fair maid out of the brook,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

9.

"O miller, I'll gie thee guineas ten,
(With a hey, etc.)

If thou'lt fetch me back to my father agen;"
(And I'll be true, etc.)

10.

The miller he took her guineas ten,
(With a hey, etc.)

And he pushed the fair maid in agen,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

11.

But the Crowner he came and the Justice too, (With a hey, etc.)
With a hue and a cry and a hullabaloo,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

12.

They hanged the miller beside his own gate.
(With a hey, etc.)
For drowning the varmer's daughter Kate,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

13.

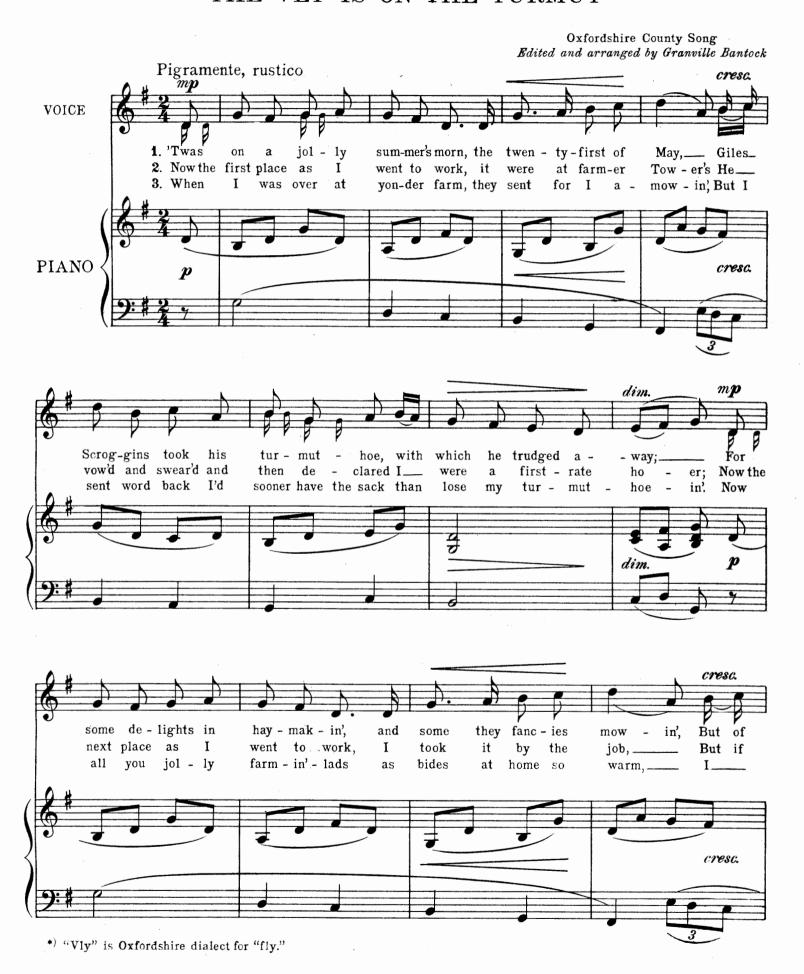
The sister she fled beyond the seas,
(With a hey, etc.)
And died an old maid among black savagees,
(And I'll be true, etc.)

14.

So I've ended my tale of the West Countree, (With a hey, etc.)

And they calls it the Barkshire Tragedee, (And I'll be true, etc.)

*) THE VLY IS ON THE TURMUT





THE PLOUGHBOY





LORD RENDAL



^{*)} See note to this song in the Introduction.



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WIDDICOMBE FAIR







42 O MISTRESS MINE



I THOUGHT THAT LOVE HAD BEEN A BOY





CEASE, SORROWS, NOW







IT WAS A LOVER AND HIS LASS



NOW IS THE MONTH OF MAYING



AS I WALKED FORTH



DEAR, DO NOT YOUR FAIR BEAUTY WRONG





49 AWAKE, SWEET LOVE





*) The word "griefs" has been suggested here.

NOW, O NOW I NEEDS MUST PART







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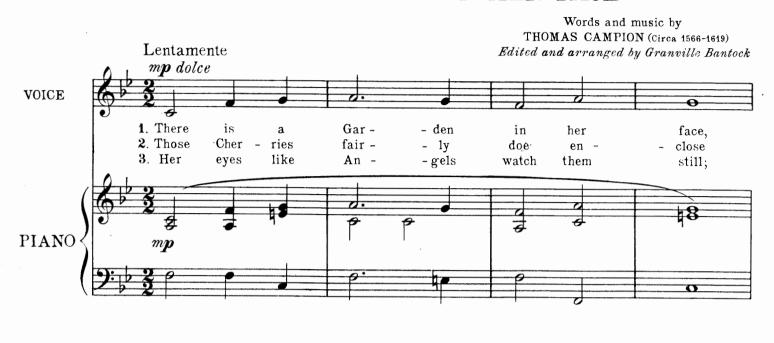
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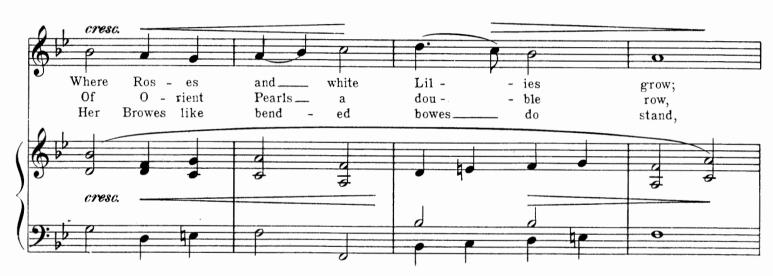


NEVER WEATHER-BEATEN SAIL



THERE IS A GARDEN IN HER FACE









55 FLORA GAVE ME FAIREST FLOWERS



^{*)} N.B. Upper vocal part.





56 WEEP, O MINE EYES

JOHN BENET (Circa 1570-1615)

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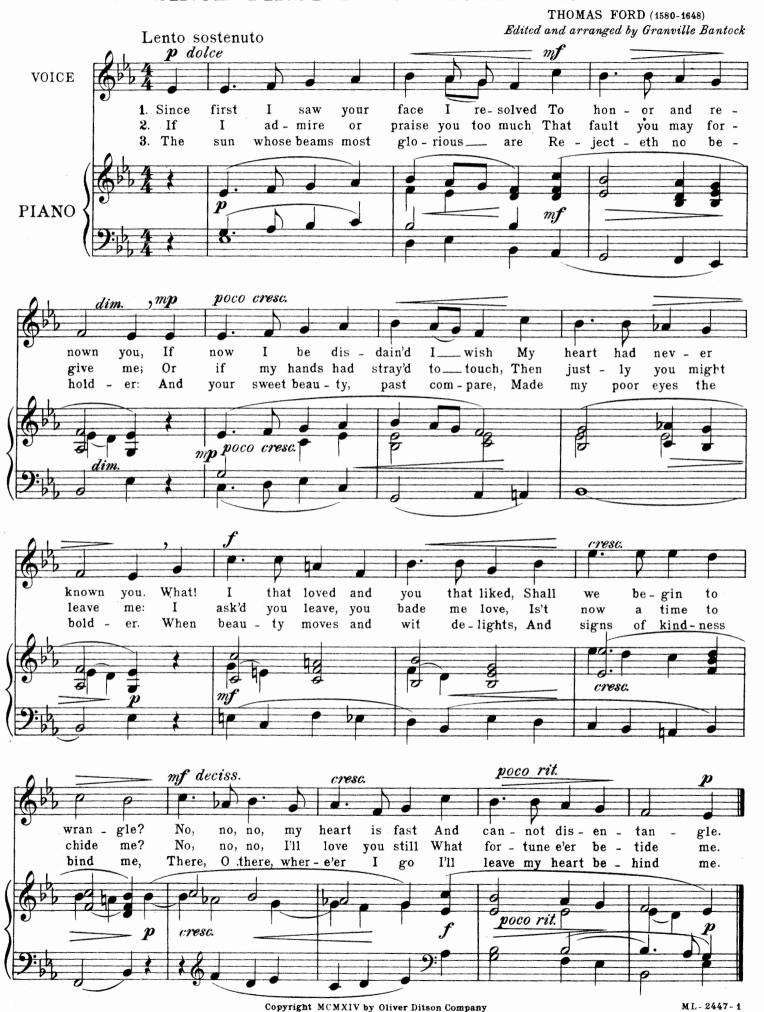


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F SHE FORSAKE ME



SINCE FIRST I SAW YOUR FACE



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GATHER YOUR ROSEBUDS



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THE SILVER SWAN



61 BID ME TO LIVE



HERE'S A HEALTH UNTO HIS MAJESTY



MY LODGING IT IS ON THE COLD GROUND

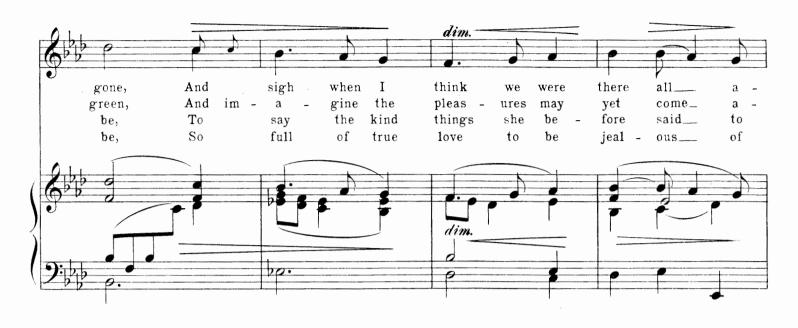


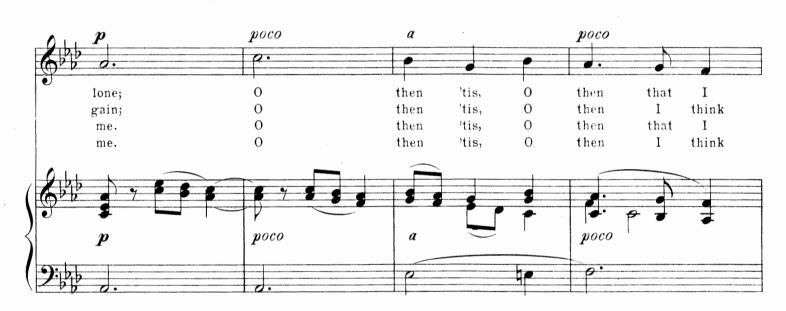


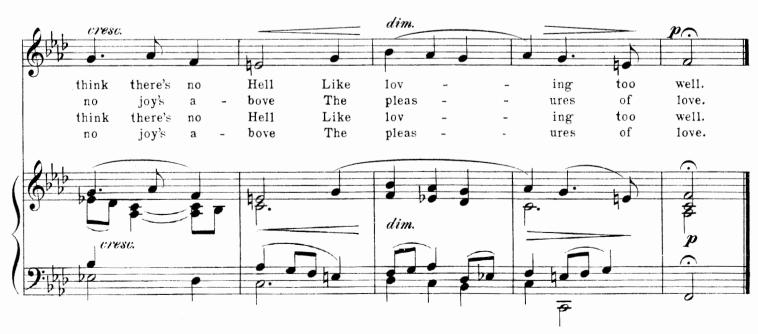
I PASS ALL MY HOURS

(THE PHOENIX) PELHAM HUMFREY (1647-1674) Words attributed to CHARLES II Edited and arranged by Granville Bantock Doloroso mp espress. VOICE pass a11 o1d my hours in sha dy 2. But each shade and scious bow'r I each con when 3. Whilst a lone to my self I re peat all her 4. But when I the con sid truth ofher er PIANO cresc. grove, But live the day Ι not when see not my Where Ι find, once had been hap ру and she had been charms, She Ι love may bе lock'd in an oth er man's heart Such an in cent no pas sion, sokind with - out cresc. I walk Phyl love: sur vey ev 'ry now my lis is kind, When I 1eft of seethe print her foot in the arms, She may laugh at my cares and sofalse she may do art; I fear have wrong'd may her and she dim.

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65 O THE SAD DAY









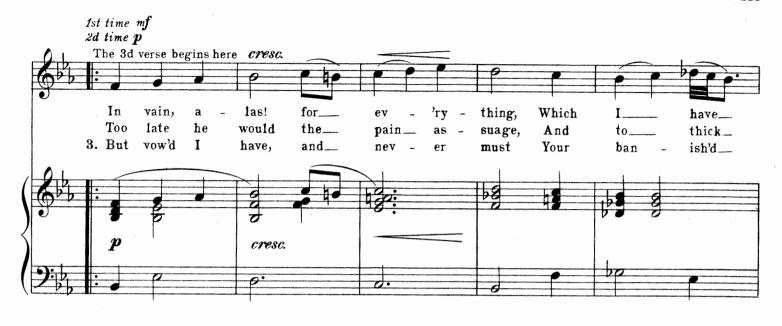




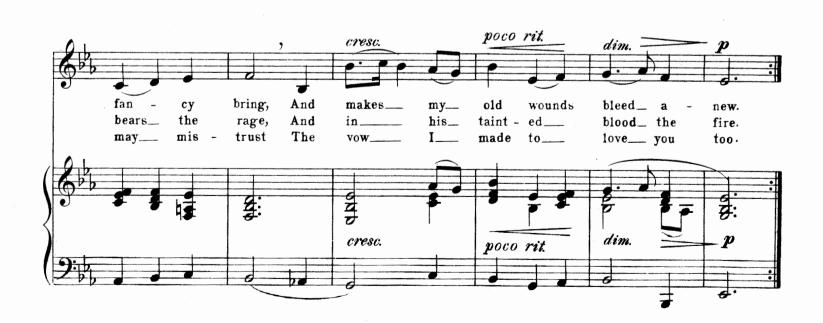
67 IT IS NOT THAT I LOVE YOU LESS

or THE SELF-BANISHED









I ATTEMPT FROM LOVE'S SICKNESS TO FLY





NYMPHS AND SHEPHERDS







I'LL SAIL UPON THE DOG-STAR

From "The Fool's Preferment"

HENRY PURCELL (1658-1695)

Arranged by Granville Bantock







71 DIDO'S SONG



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72 MAD BESS













WHAT SHALL I DO





THE ROAST BEEF OF OLD ENGLAND



When good Queen Elizabeth sat on the throne, Ere coffee and tea, and such slip-slops were known, The world was in terror if e'en she did frown: Oh, the roast beef, etc.

5.

In those days, if fleets did presume on the main, They seldom, or never, returned back again, As witness the vaunting Armada of Spain:

Oh, the roast beef, etc.

6.

Oh, then we had stomachs to eat and to fight,
And, when wrongs were cooking, to set ourselves right;
But now we're a — h'm — I could, but good night:
Oh, the roast beef, etc.

75 BLACK-EYED SUSAN







"O Susan, Susan, lovely dear!
My vows shall ever true remain:
Let me kiss off that falling tear,
We only part to meet again:
Change as ye list, ye winds, my heart shall be
The faithful compass that still points to thee.

5.

Believe not what the landsmen say,
Who tempt with doubts thy constant mind:
They'll tell thee sailors, when away,
In every port a mistress find:
Yes, yes, believe them when they tell thee so,
For thou art present wheresoe'er I go.

в.

If to fair India's coast we sail,
Thy eyes are seen in diamonds bright:
Thy breath is Afric's spicy gale,
Thy skin is ivory so white:
Thus every beauteous object that I view
Wakes in my soul some charm of lovely Sue.

7.

Though battle call me from thy arms
Let not my pretty Susan mourn:
Though cannons roar, yet safe from harms
William shall to his dear return:
Love turns aside the balls that round me fly
Lest precious tears should drop from Susan's eye."

8.

The boatswain gave the dreadful word,
The sails their swelling bosom spread:
No longer must she stay on board—
They kissed, she sighed, he hung his head:
Her lessening boat unwilling rows to land,
"Adieu!" she cries, and waved her lily hand.

76 UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE









BLOW, BLOW, THOU WINTER WIND





78 WHEN DAISIES PIED

WILLIAM SHAKSPERE T. AUGUSTINE ARNE (1710-1778) Edited and arranged by Granville Bantock Non troppo allegro VOICE Flute & Violins PIANO espress. p dolce 1. When sies pied and dai vio - lets blue, And 2. When shep - herds pipe oat - en straws, And on Violins dim. Fine. dy-smocks a11 1a sil - ver white, And cuck - oo buds low hue Do mer larks are plough-men's clocks, And tur - tles tread, ry and rooks and daws, And espress. Flute & Violins paint the $with_{-}$ de - light. mead - ows maid ens bleach their sum mer frocks.



TELL ME WHERE IS FANCY BRED







WHERE THE BEE SUCKS







WHAT SHEPHERD OR NYMPH OF THE GROVE







83 TO FAIREST DELIA'S GRASSY TOMB

WILLIAM JACKSON (1730-1803)

Edited by Granville Bantock



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84 BLOW HIGH, BLOW LOW

CHARLES DIBDIN (1745-1814)
Edited and arranged by Granville Bantock







YO, HEAVE HO!

CHARLES DIBDIN (1745-1814)







3.

But the worst on't was that time when the little ones were sickly,
And if they'd live or die the doctor did not know;
The word was given to weigh so sudden and so quickly
I thought my heart would break as I sung "Yo, heave ho!"
For Poll, so like her mother;
And as for Jack, her brother,
The boy, when he grows up, will nobly fight the foe:
But in Providence I trust,
For you see what must be, must,
So my sigh I gave the winds, and sung out "Yo, heave ho!"

4.

And now at last laid up in a decentish condition,

For I've only lost an eye and got a timber toe;
But old ships must expect in time to be out of commission,

Nor again the anchor weigh with a "Yo, heave ho!"
So I smoke my pipe and sing old songs
For my boy shall well revenge my wrongs,
And my girl shall breed young sailors nobly for to face the foe:
Then to country and king
Fate no danger can bring
While the tars of old England sing out "Yo, heave ho!"

THEN FAREWELL, MY TRIM-BUILT WHERRY

CHARLES DIBDIN (1745-1814)

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87 TOM BOWLING

CHARLES DIBDIN (1745-1814)





THE JOLLY YOUNG WATERMAN





THE LASS OF RICHMOND HILL





SIGH NO MORE, LADIES







JOHN BRAHAM (1774-1856)

THE DEATH OF NELSON

S.J. ARNOLD

Edited by Granville Bantock Larghetto più p mp Recit. with si-lent grief op-O'er Nel-son's tomb, Bri-tan-nia mourns her he - ro now at rest: But those bright lau-rels ne'er will fade with prest, years, Whose leaves are wa-ter'd by a na-tions tears. pp dim.





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DRINK TO ME ONLY











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I'VE BEEN ROAMING









BID ME DISCOURSE

HENRY ROWLEY BISHOP (1786-1855) WILLIAM SHAKSPERE Edited by Granville Bantock Allegro moderato, ma con anima cresc. cresc. poco













97 SHOULD HE UPBRAID

HENRY ROWLEY BISHOP (1786-1855)

Edited by Granville Bantock















98 LOVE HAS EYES





THE DASHING WHITE SERGEANT







MEET ME BY MOONLIGHT

J. AUGUSTINE WADE (1796-1845)

Edited by Granville Bantock



