

Gentle Deeds

Words by
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Ballad
Companion to Gentle Words

Music by
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**Allegretto
Espressione**

The piano introduction is in G major, 3/4 time, and 4/4 meter. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo and expression markings are 'Allegretto' and 'Espressione'. The music starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand plays a simple bass line. The introduction concludes with a final chord in G major.

The first system of the song features a vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins at measure 6 and is accompanied by the piano. The lyrics are: 1. Oh! gen - tle words, sound soft and clear, As balm - y sum - mer winds, And 2. But gen - tle deeds, Oh gen - tle deeds, No false - hood e'er can teach, One 3. Oh! gen - tle words the sink - ing heart Will glad with sil - v'ry light A. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The dynamics are marked *p* (piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

The second system of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: oft I know are types sin - cere, Of pure and gen - tle minds, But kind - ly ac - tion far ex - ceeds The soft - est words of speech. Oh! soft and chast' - ning beam im - part To cheer the dark - est night; But. The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The dynamics are marked *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *p* (piano).

15 A7 D A7 D

dark-est pur - pose may be decked In bland and beau-teous phrase And
 gen - tle deeds are dear to me They shed their balm a - round. They
 gen - tle deeds a splen - dor shed Like the glo - rious orb of day. They

19 B♭ F Gm *rall.* E♭ D

oft the heart's fair peace be wrecked With gentl-est, gentl-est words of praise. Oh
 fill the droop - ing heart with glee, And make earth Ho - ly ground. Oh!
 clothe the poor, and com - fort spread, And warm life's win - try way. But

23 G *a tempo* C/G G G D

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27 **B 7** **E m** **C** **D 7** **G**

oft I know are types sin - cere Of pure and gen - tle minds.
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mf *p*

31 **D** **G** **G/D** **D 7 (omit 5)** **G**
p *con larghezza* *rall.* *a tempo*

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Gen - tle deeds, Gen - tle deeds, Gen - tle, gen - tle deeds.
Gen - tle deeds, Gen - tle deeds, Gen - tle, gen - tle deeds.

p *colla voce* *pp* *p*

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rall.