

The Wife's Dream

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Quasi Moderato

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mf *cresc.*

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Eb

con passione

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$A\flat$ $E\flat$ $E\flat$

you can look so gay, When ev - 'ning af - ter ev - 'ning — your
 bit - ter tears I shed, And when my hus - band stag - gered home what
 sure - ly 'tis not so, For ver - y soon I fell a - sleep, 'mid
 posed to be un - kind, The warn - ing of that fear - ful dream comes

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colla voce

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$A\flat$ $E\flat$ N.C. $B\flat7$ $E\flat$ $E\flat7$

hus - band is a - way? I nev - er see you sulk or pout, or
 an - gry words I said; I nev - er thought that I could be as
 tears of grief and woe; I dreamed I had my wish ful - filled, my
 fresh be - fore my mind; And though it costs me many a pang to

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colla voce

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$A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A^{\circ}7$

Lento

say an an - gry word; And yet you've plen - ty cause for tears, if —
 cheer - ful now I seem, Yet this hap - py change was brought a - bout by a
 hus - band was no more, I fell up - on his life - less form, and —
 know the life he leads, I try to greet him with a smile, when

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E $\flat$ B $\flat$

F 7

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tempo primo

all be true I've heard! It is be - cause, my sis - ter dear, a
 sim - ple lit - tle dream. One eve - ning as I sat be - side our
 kissed him o'er and o'er; Oh dear - est dar - ling, speak to me, I
 oft my poor heart bleeds; I'll hum - bly put my trust in God, and

F 7

B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /B $\flat$

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hus - band you ne'er wed, Nor saw your chil - dren gath' - ring round, and
 hum - ble cot - tage door, And lis - tened for my hus - band's steps as
 meant not what I said, Oh, speak one word un - to your wife, say,
 ask for strength to bear The tri - als that he sends on earth for

F 7

N.C.

E $\flat$ E $\flat$ 7

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ask - ing you for bread; You ne'er can know how it be - comes a
 oft I'd done be - fore; Some wick - ed thoughts came in my mind, and
 say you are not dead!"" "And sure I'm not, my Mar - y dear," "I
 all of us to share; And if, by pa - tience, I can change a

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$A\flat$ $E\flat$ $E\flat$ $F\sharp^\circ/A$ $E\flat/B\flat$ N.C.

Animato *ad lib.*

wom - an's lot through life, To be, e'en to a drunk - ard's faults, a
 bit - ter - ly I said, 'I nev - er wish to see him more, oh,
 woke up with a scream, And found my hus - band stand - ing by; his
 hus - band's wand' - ring life, I'll bless the hour that dream was sent to

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$E\flat/B\flat$ $B\flat7$ $E\flat$

tempo primo

faith - ful, lov - ing wife.
 would that he were dead!
 death was but a dream!
 his ne - glect - ed wife!

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dim.