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## Who shall be fairest?

Words by CHARLES MACKAY.

*Allegro energico.*

Music by FRANK MORI.

PIANO-FORTE. *f*

The piano introduction consists of two staves in G minor, 3/4 time. The right hand features a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. The piece begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

1. Who shall be fair - est? Who shall be rar - est? Who shall be first in the  
 2. Who shall be near - est? No - blest and dear - est? Nam'd but with ho - nour and

*mf*

The first system shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the first two lines of the song. The piano accompaniment is in G minor, 3/4 time, with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef.

*dolce.*

songs that we sing? She who is kind - est, When for - tune is blind - est,  
 pride e - ver-more? He the undaunt - ed, Whose ban - ner is plant - ed On

The second system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The tempo and mood are marked *dolce* (sweetly). The piano accompaniment remains in G minor, 3/4 time.

Bear - ing thro' win - ter the blooms of the spring; Charm of our glad - ness,  
 Glo - ry's high ram - parts and bat - tle - ments hoar; Fear - less of dan - ger, To

*p*

The third system concludes the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is marked piano (*p*). The piece ends with a final chord in G minor.

*cresc.* *rit.* *rall.*

Friend of our sad - ness, An - gel of life while its plea - sures take wing!.....  
false - hood a stran - ger, Look - ing not back when there's du - ty be - fore!.....

*cresc.* *colla voce.* *rall.* *f* *p*

She shall be fair - est, She shall be rar - est, She shall be first in the  
He shall be near - est, He shall be dear - est, He shall be first in our

*p*

songs that we sing!..... Aye, she shall be first in the  
hearts e - ver - more!..... Aye, he shall be first in our

*f* *p*

1st time. 2nd time.

songs that we sing. hearts e - ver - more.

*f* *f* *f* *f*

*d*