

Once a Year

BALLAD

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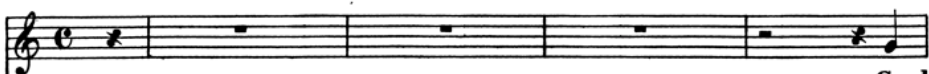
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Moderato.

VOICE.  Good

PIANO. 


things I ween, lie far between Nor meet us ev' - ry day But




each long road by man that's trod Has milestones by the way. Then



let us not with sad - ness blot Our fleet - ing hours while here — No

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "let us not with sad - ness blot Our fleet - ing hours while here — No".

fate so dark, but some bright spark Will light it once a year. —

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "fate so dark, but some bright spark Will light it once a year. —". The piano accompaniment includes a *p* (piano) dynamic marking and a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking.

By fire - side blaze a youngster plays And

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "By fire - side blaze a youngster plays And". The piano accompaniment includes a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking and a *p* (piano) dynamic marking.

clambers up your knee — A - no - ther smiles at his sweet wiles And

The fourth system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "clambers up your knee — A - no - ther smiles at his sweet wiles And". The piano accompaniment includes a *p* (piano) dynamic marking.

mocks her bro-thers glee — Then do not frown those young hearts down E'er



though you've scan-ty cheer — Their pure smiles light your home at night They



come but once a year.

A



fair hardtwines a — mid the signs Which time leaves on your hair, Your



gem of life is that sweet wife De . ny it if you dare. Then be not stirr'd by

an - gry word To flout what is so dear, Such heart refin'd, such no - ble mind Does

not come once a year!

Then heart be brave, as on life's wave
 Thy little back is tossed
 It is a sea where all may be
 Oft wrecked, but never lost!
 But sail and sail before the gale,
 Until the port draws near,
 Where per'l passed, all rest at last
 Through heaven's eternal year!