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ONLY A WITHERED ROSE

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ONLY A WITHERED ROSE.

ONLY a wither'd rose it seems to thee !
Yet day by day it grows dearer to me ;
I know its beauty fled long months ago,
I know its petals red turn'd white as snow—
Yet dearer 'tis to me than when it came
Fresh, dearest one, from thee, breathing thy name.

I know its fragrance died long months ago;
I know that flow'rs beside more beauteous grow ;
Yet I still cherish this one gift from thee,
A symbol of earthly bliss, thy love for me.
And tho' the rose may fade, and bloom decay,
Our love shall ever be made brighter each day !

W. DEXTER SMITH.

Only a Withered Rose.

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Andante.

Voice.

Piano.

ten:

con Pa.

rit:

p

On - ly a wi - ther'd rose it seems to thee!

p dolce cantabile.

rit. con espress:

Yet day by day it grows dear - er to me; I

rit colla voce

con Qd.

know its beau - ty fled long months a - go, I

know its pet - als red turn'd white as

rit: con espress:

snow, turn'd white as snow Yet

rit: con espress:

espress rit:

con Qd.

dear er 'tis to me than when it

accel:
came Fresh, dear - est one, from

accel:

rit: con espress:
thee, breath - ing thy name

rit: *colla voce.*

ten: *con Ped.* *rit:*

I

p

know..... its fra - grance died..... long months a - go,..... I

p

rit:

know..... that flow'rs be - side..... more beau - teous grow;..... Yet

colla voce.

I..... still che - rish this..... one gift from thee,..... A

rit:

sym - bol of earth - ly bliss,..... thy love for me,..... thy love for

rit:

me..... And tho'..... the rose may fade,..... and bloom de -

- cay,..... Our love..... shall e - ver be made..... brigh-ter each

accel:

day,..... Bright - - er each day,.....

rit:

Bright - - er bright-er each day.....

cresc:

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