

The Darlings of Our Home

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Andantino con espressione

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The right hand features a series of chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The piece concludes with a decrescendo (dim.) and a final chord.

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B^bdim7 B^b7 E^b

1. We hear their voic - es gai - ly ring In
2. The wav - ing wheat in morn - ing's breeze, Is
3. This earth would be a drear - y place, If

The first system of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts on a whole note and moves through a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand.

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E^b C^m B7(b5) E^b B^b E^b7 A^b A^bm

sweet and pure de - light; Their snow - y arms a -
sweet un - to the ear; But there are sweet - er
we should see no more Each lov - ing, kind, and

The second system of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with a mix of note values. The piano accompaniment features more complex chordal textures in the right hand.

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12 E^b E dim7 B^b F7 B^b N.C.

round us cling; Their hopes are warm and bright. Our hearts are
 tones than these In child-hood's laugh so dear! Fair lil - ies
 lit - tle face That greets us at the door! Oh, best and

15 B^b N.C. E^b N.C. E^b N.C.

long - ing to ca - ress — them, While far a - way we sad - ly
 bloom - ing on life's riv - er! No wea - ry shad - ows 'round them
 bright - est of life's pleas - ures That wait us 'neath yon star - ry

18 E^b E^bdim E^b

roam; We fond - ly pray that Heav'n will bless them, The
 come; May love and sun - light bless for - ev - er The
 dome; Our ros - y, fond and dim - pled treas - ures, The

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21 Gm N.C. E^b N.C. E^b E^bdim

dar - lings of our home! We fond - ly pray that Heav'n will
 dar - lings of our home! May love and sun - light bless for -
 dar - lings of our home! Our ros - y, fond and dim - pled

24 E^b B^b7 E^b

bles - them, The dar - lings of our home!
 ev - er The dar - lings of our home!
 treas - ures, The dar - lings of our home!

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