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ONCE UPON A TIME
Ballad

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Moderato.

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The piece concludes with a 'ritard.' (ritardando) marking.

Oh! who when youth's en - chant - ed hours, Like Sum - mer birds have

The vocal line begins with a 'dim.' (diminuendo) marking. The melody is simple and lyrical, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

flown, Draws not from mem - 'ry's per - ish'd flow'rs A fra - grance all their

The second vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the previous section.

own! Sweet dreams of days long past when we Some

The final vocal line concludes the piece. The piano accompaniment features a 'dolce.' (dolce) marking. The melody ends with a final note on the word 'Some'.

friend - ly knee would climb And lis - ten to the

won - drous tales Of "Once up - on a time." And

lis - ten to the won-drous tales Of "Once up - on a time."

f *dim:*

f
We do not climb up beanstalks now, Nor with Old Sin - bad sail, In

dim:

I - ron ships the deep we plough, Out-strip the wind "by rail" Re-

p

al - i - ty has chased Romance Gone is Life's gol - den prime For

ev - ry - thing was pos - si - ble In "Once up on a time" *f* For

ev - 'ry thing was pos - si - ble In "Once up-on a time."

And

if we've sometimes cause to sigh In man-hood's ster - ner hours, We

hand in hand with mem - o - ry Should tread life's path of flow'rs. The

ret - ro - spect may gild the gloom of sorrows win - try clime And

make us prize the hap - piness Of "Once up-on a time" And

make us prize the hap - pi - ness Of "Once up - on a time?"

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