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SPARE THE OLD HOMESTEAD
Written by
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Music by
J. P. WEBSTER.

PIANO. GUITAR.

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in the left hand, featuring a series of chords and a melodic line in the right hand. The first vocal entry is in the second system, with the lyrics "Oh spare, spare the old" and "Oh! spare, spare the old". The second system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics "homestead, Twas there I first knew, The" and "homestead, Nor ruth..... less..ly part, The". The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support throughout the vocal parts.

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love of my mother, Still changeless and
 ties that have bound it, So long to my
 true, A father's, a brother's, A loved sister's
 heart, When wandering and weary, And burdened with
 care, Oh these are the memories, That beam on me
 care, A bright spot of sunshine, Still beams for me
 there, Then spare &c.
 there, Then spare, spare the old homestead, 'Tis dear to me

yet, The home of my childhood, I never never can for...

- get.

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Oh spare, spare the old homestead;
Though moss overgrown,
Its halls are deserted,
Decaying alone,
Yet back to its hearth-stone,
My heart will repair,
As though its warm greetings,
Still welcomed me there.

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Oh spare, spare the old homestead
Till that pensive hour,
When age makes me weary,
And life yields its power!
Then bear me when fainting,
To breathe its sweet air,
And die 'mid the sunshine,
That beams on me there.