

THE RHINE

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"I cannot tell how the Truth may be ."

"I say the Tale as 'twas said to me!"

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Tomb of Frauenlob.

The last of the Minne singers in the Cloisters of the Cathedral at Mentz.

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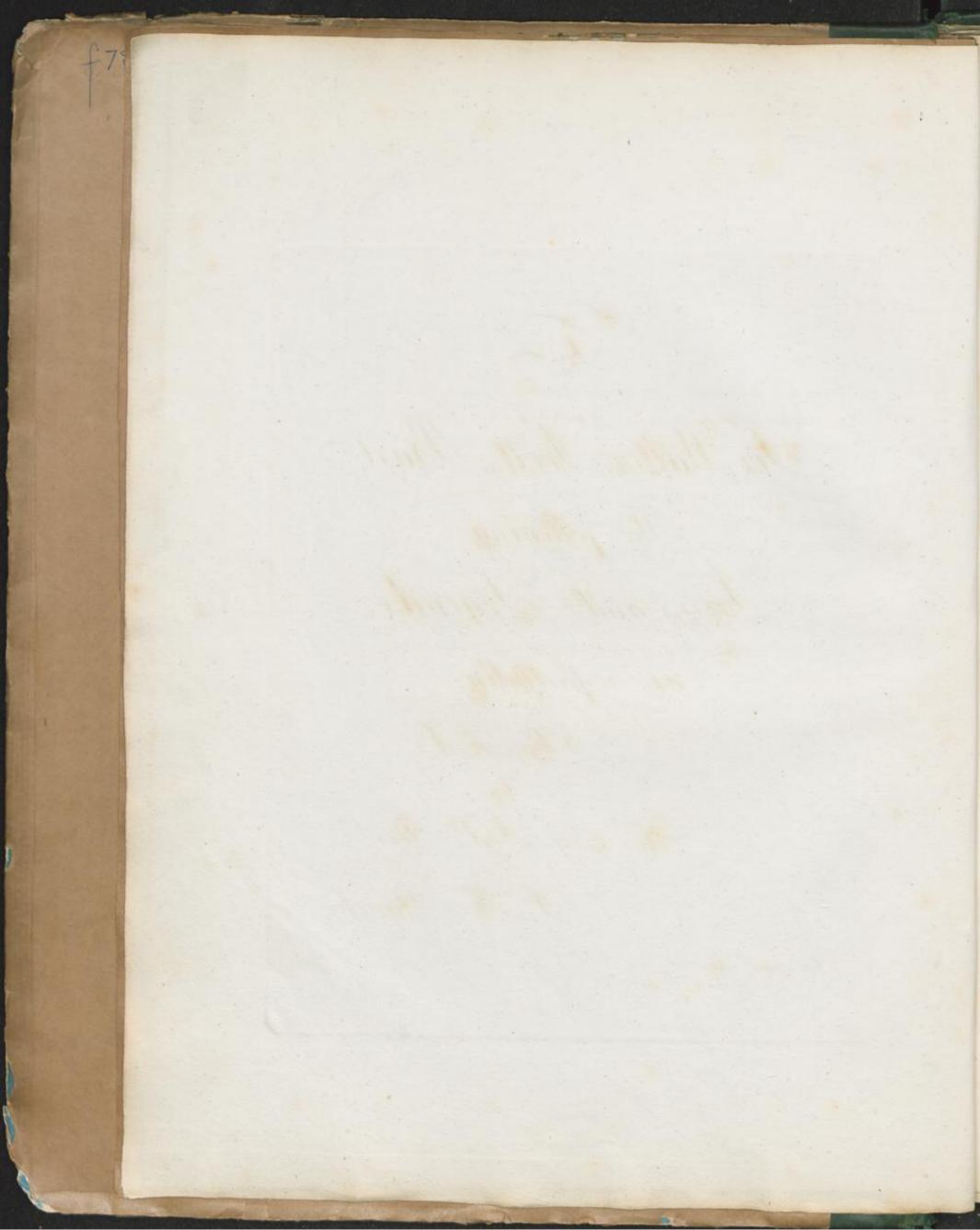




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Sir Walter Scott Bart The following Lays and Legends, are respectfully Inscribed. His very obed! Serv! I Ro Planchie

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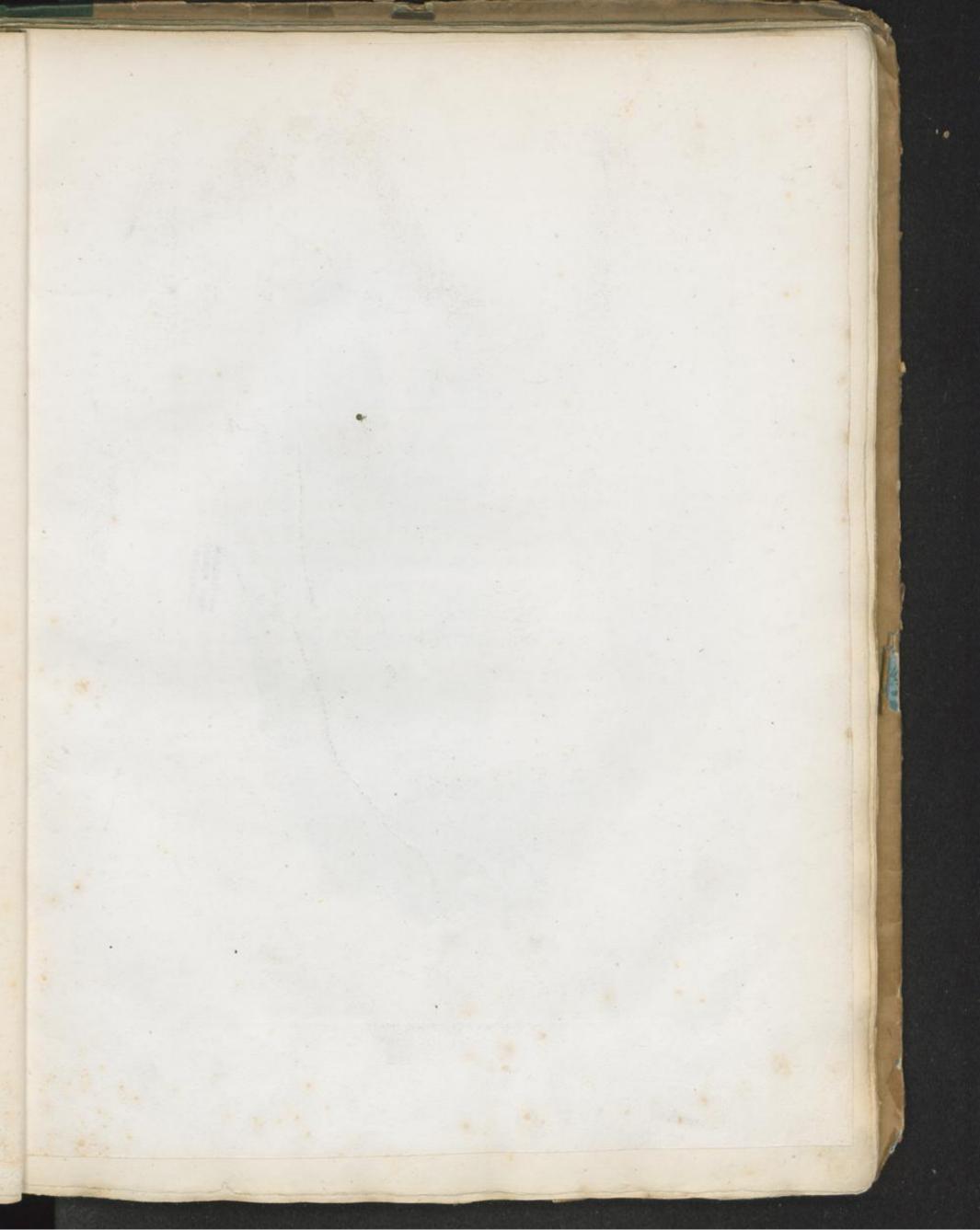
The idea of this work occurred to me on my return from a late visit to Dresden; and the necessary sketches and inquiries were consequently made upon the various spots, as I descended the river from Mainz to Cöln. On comparing, however, several of the traditions thus collected, with the printed versions of them, in sundry tours and travels, I found considerable variations, and have therefore taken the liberty to make use of such as appeared to me most eligible for the purpose in view. My friend, Mr. Bishop, has executed his valuable portion con amore; and Mr. Haghe has metamorphosed my rude outlines into faithful and spirited drawings. Thus supported, I venture before the Public, with a hope that the "Lays and Legends of the Rhine" may be deemed worthy of an occasional place on the piano at home, and not entirely destitute of interest and amusement as a companion on the noble stream the most remarkable points of which it is intended to illustrate.

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Henry of Meissen, a doctor of theology, and canon of the cathedral of Mainz, but more commonly known by the name of Frauenlob, (Anglice, "Praise the Ladies,") was buried in the parvis of the cathedral, on the eve of Saint Andrew, in the year 1318, "with marvellous solemnity: his corpse was carried by ladies from his dwelling-house unto the place of burial; and loudly did they mourn and bewail his death, on account of the infinite praises which he had bestowed on womankind in his poetry."—Chron. Albert, of Strasburg. 'The Chronicle adds, that so much wine was poured into his grave, that it overflowed with the libations. Well might the good ladies of Mentz lament for the loss of the last of the minstrels who had so long toiled in their service! Almost prophetically did they crowd around the tomb where the spirit of German poetry was for centuries to make its bed of repose!"—Lays of the Minnesingers, or German Troubadours, 12mo. London, 1825, p. 306.

It may perhaps be as well to mention, in explanation of the second verse of the following lay, that in most countries persons were restricted from partaking in the chivalric exercises of the period, unless they could prove themselves to be knights of gentle birth by four descents, and display a legitimate coat-armour; and that the Germans were more fastidious on this point than any other people. (Vide the section entitled "Turniere und Lanzenrennen," in vol. 1. of "Ritterzeit und Ritterwesen," 8vo. Leipsig, 1823.) The poetic battle, or tournament, of Wartburg, between several Minnesingers at the court of Herman, Landgrave of Thuringia, A. D. 1207. (Vide Grimm's Deutsche Sagen, vol. 2.) is an authority for the musical species of knight-errantry alluded to in the last verse.

Frauentob,

THE LAST OF THE MINNESINGERS."

My harp!—my harp!—an hour hath past,
And woman's praise I have not sung!
My harp!—an hour hath fled since last
With woman's praise thy chords have rung!
A longer pause, my glorious name
I had not worthy been to bear—
Awake! Awake to woman's fame,
For I am Henry "Laud the Fair!"

Yes! Thou light of life's short dream!
Soul of love, and spring of pleasure!
Thy praise shall be my only theme,
And thy smile my only treasure.

I may not charge in battle-field,
I may not ride in tourney gay;
Nor crested helm, nor quarter'd shield,
Are mine to don, or to display!
But what a minstrel wight may do,
That, lovely woman! will I dare:
In life and death thy servant true,
For I am Henry "Laud the Fair!"

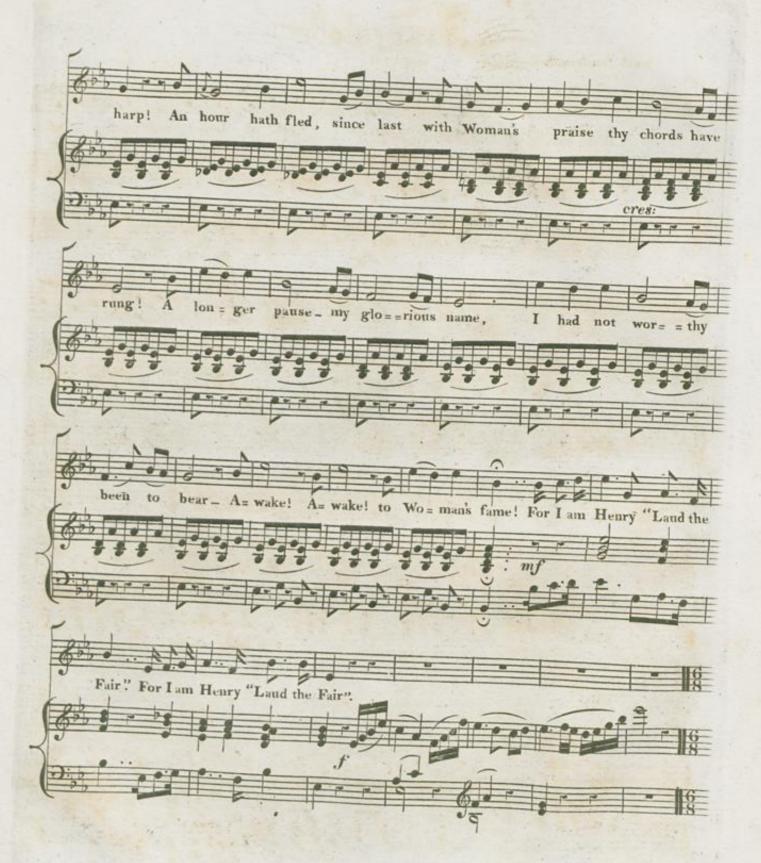
Yes! Thou light, &c.

Beauty's bard and champion sworn,
My pennon to the breeze unfurl'd,
And my good harp before me borne,
I'll vaunt thy virtues through the world,
And keep the open lists of song
Bravely against "all comers" there:
Then tremble, ye who woman wrong,
For I am Henry "Laud the Fair!"

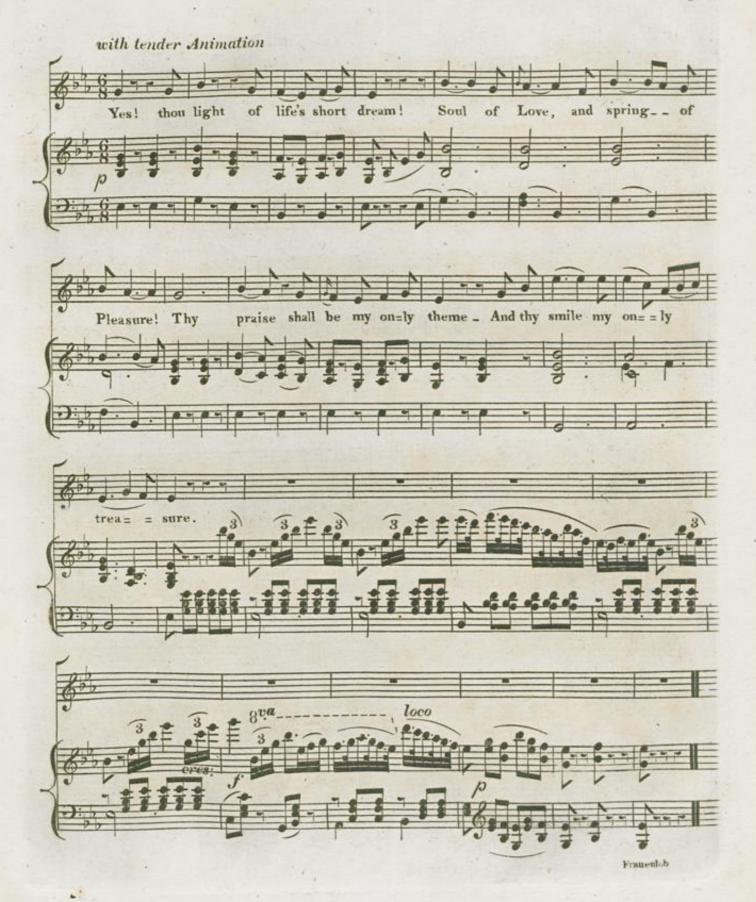
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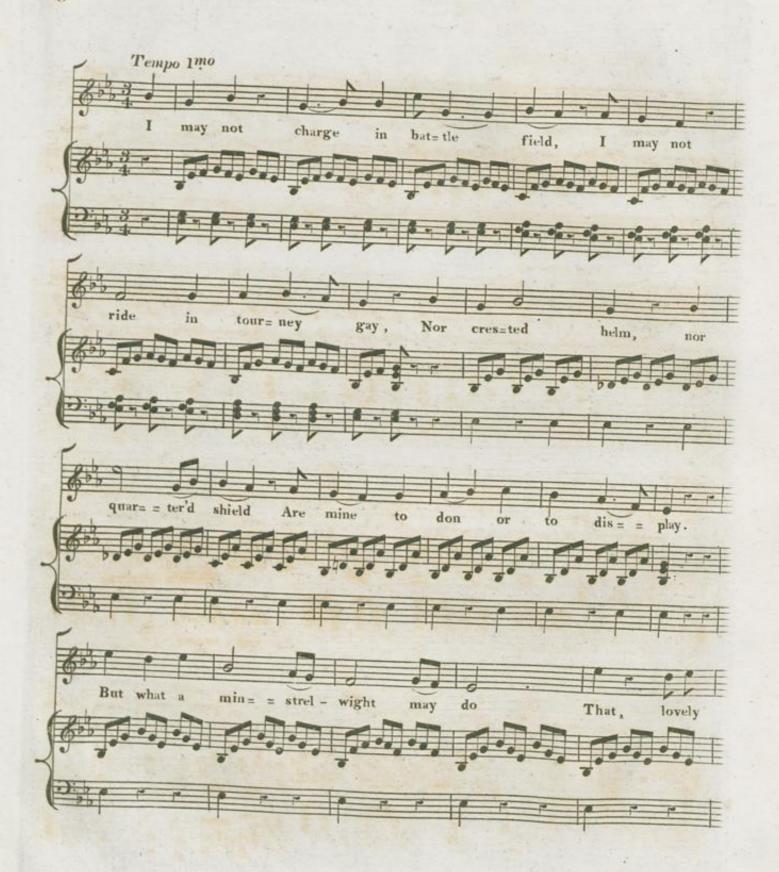
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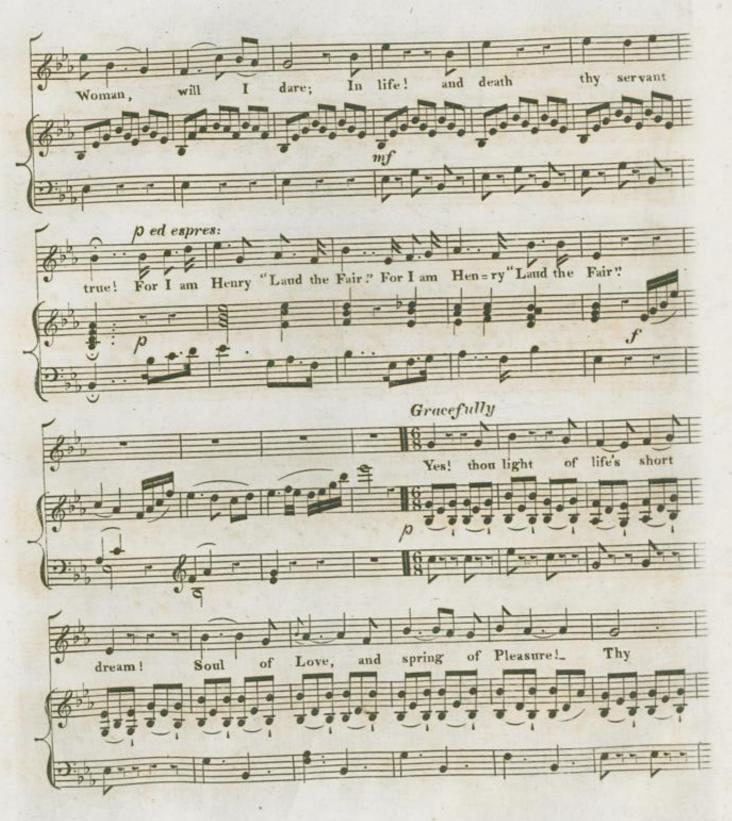




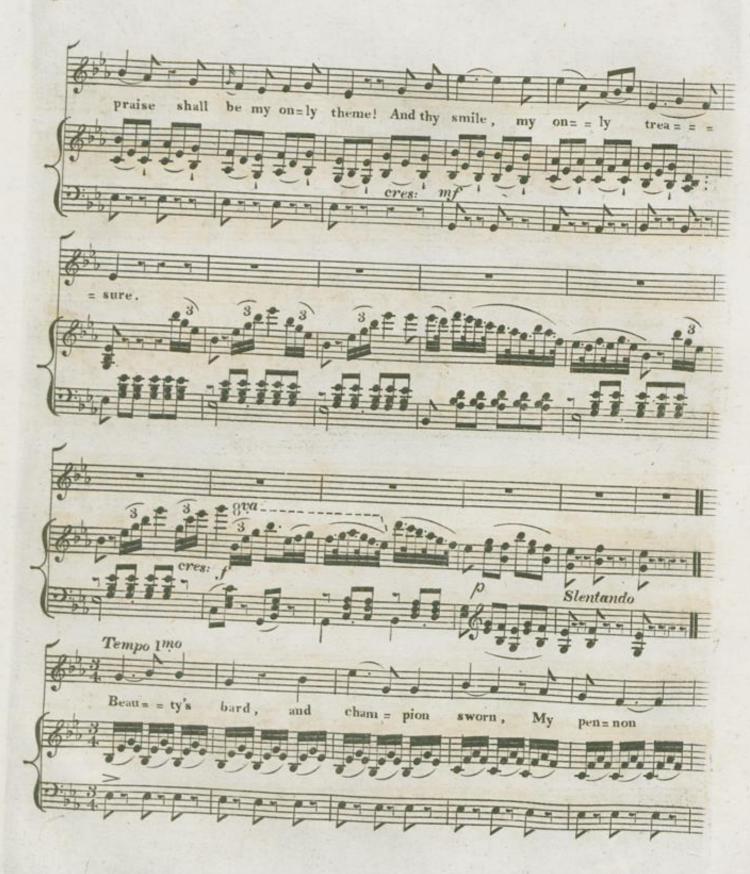
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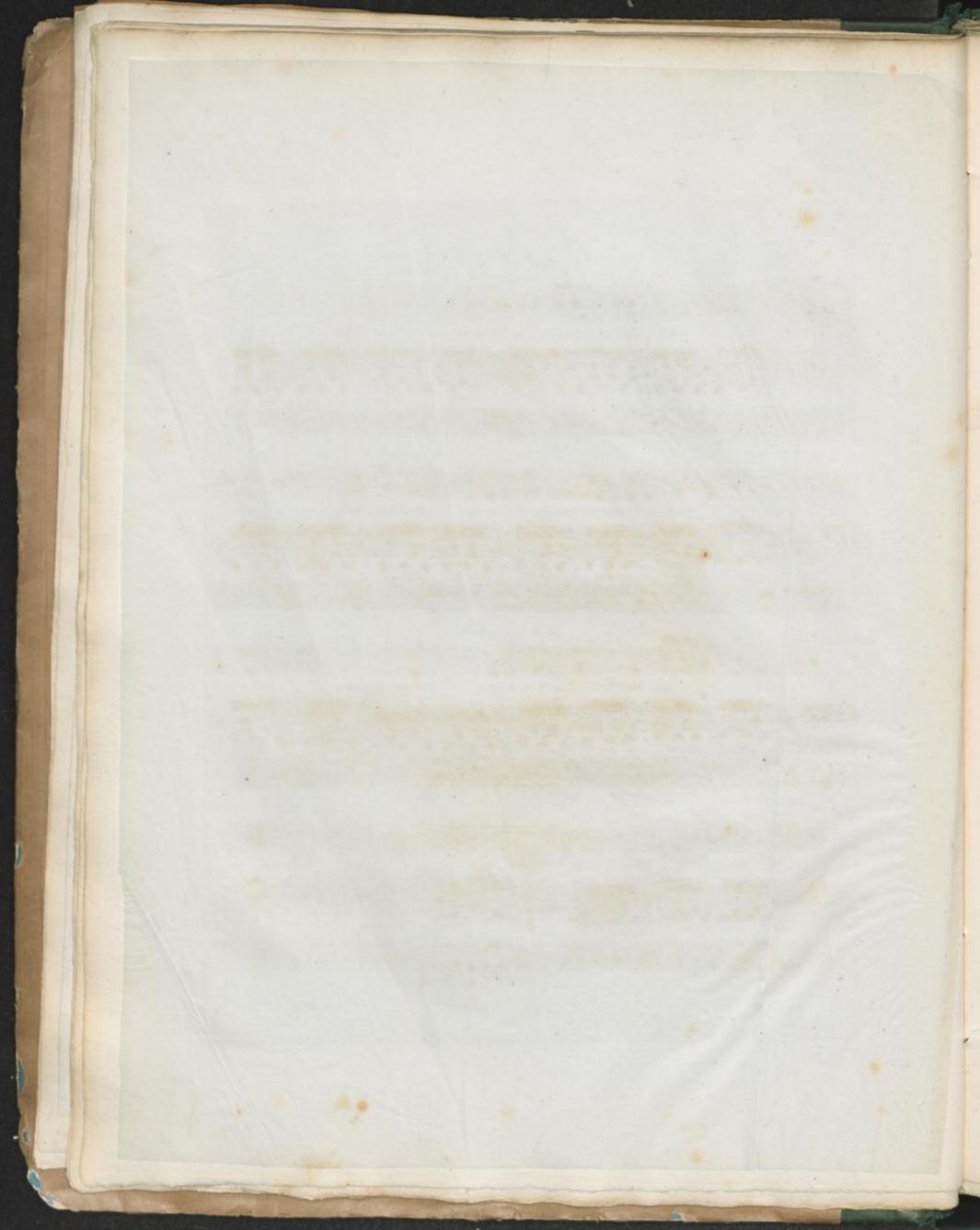
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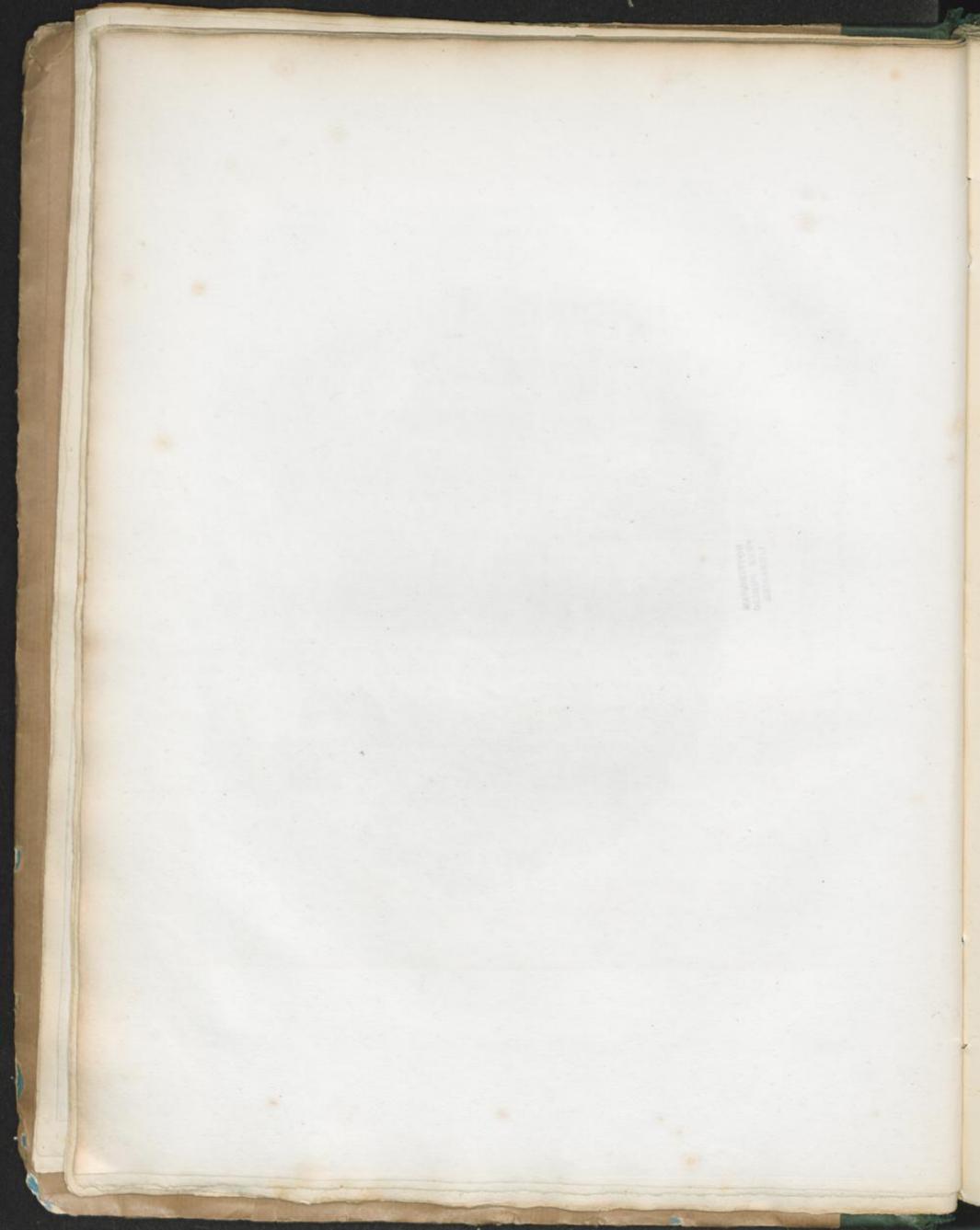






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Hans Bræmser von Rüdesheim, having been taken prisoner by the Saracens, made a vow, that should he be rescued, he would dedicate his only daughter, the lovely Giesèla, to the service of Heaven. On his subsequent deliverance and return to his castle on the Rhine, he learned that Giesèla had unconsciously frustrated his intentions, by plighting her troth to a young German knight, named Odon; and that the lovers had impatiently awaited his return, in the full assurance of their union receiving his sanction. In a transport of fury the stern Crusader cursed the unfortunate lady, who precipitated herself into the river. Her body was found by some fishermen close by the ruin called the Mouse Tower, in the middle of the Bingerloch: and to her self-destruction, under a father's malediction, popular superstition has ascribed the general turbulence of the waters in that neighbourhood.

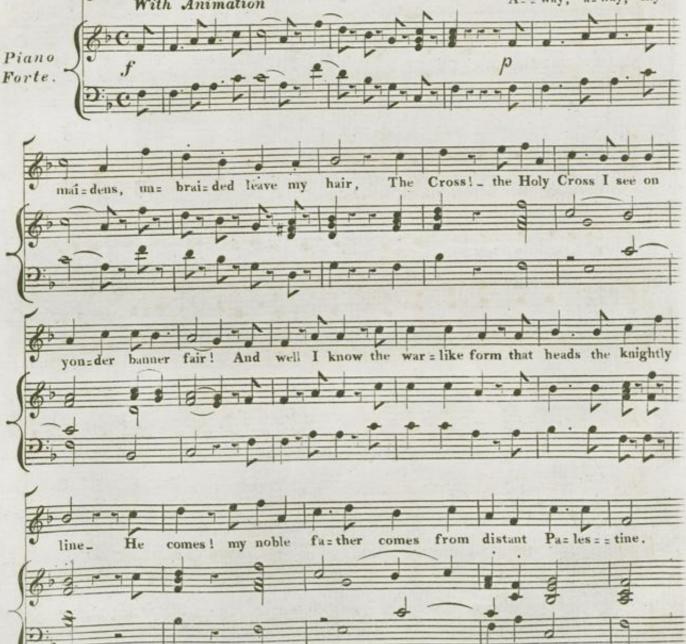
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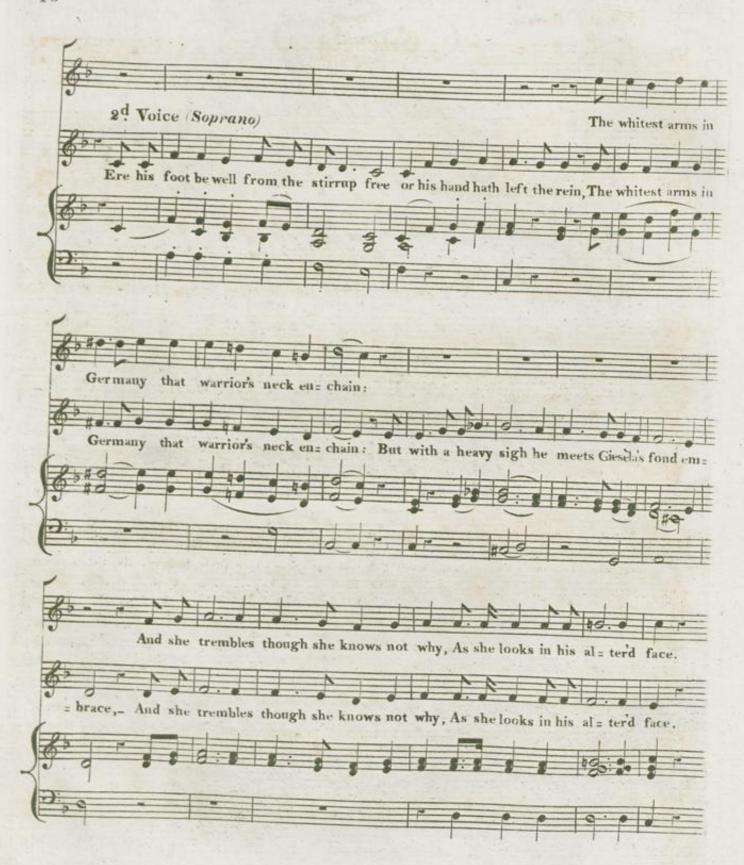
Sireela.

" AWAY, away, my maidens, unbraided leave my hair-The Cross!—the Holy Cross, I see on yonder banner fair! And well I know the warlike form that heads the knightly line-He comes! my noble father comes from distant Palestine!" Ere his foot be well from the stirrup free, or his hand hath left the rein, The whitest arms in Germany that warrior's neck enchain; But with a heavy sigh he meets Giesèla's fond embrace, And she trembles, though she knows not why, as she looks in his alter'd face. " Giesèla, I have tidings which it wrings my heart to tell-By numbers borne to earth, into the Paynim's power I fell; And there I vow'd a solemn vow, if aught should set me free, Giesèla, thou, my daughter dear, the bride of Heaven should be." Down sunk that lovely lady, like a blossom fair and frail, When the autumn winds come sweeping in their anger through the vale. " O pardon, father! pardon!-But in vain that vow of thine, For I've young Odon's plighted troth, and, father, he hath mine!" Back started then that stern old knight, as from an adder nigh-Up rush'd the red blood to his brow, and the fire shot from his eye: He smote the mail upon his breast with clenched hand so wild ;-Then raised it in the morning air, and cursed his shricking child. Madly she sought the river's brink, and stood one moment, where The rude rocks rose around her, as dark as her despair: Then with a piercing cry, she plunged beneath the startled wave, Which, troubled by a father's curse, still foams above her grave. When struggling through the evening mists, the pale moon tints the tide, Her form through Bingen's fatal loch is often seen to glide; And when the storm is scowling o'er that scene of woe and crime, Giesèla's shriek rings round the walls of ruined Rüdesheim!

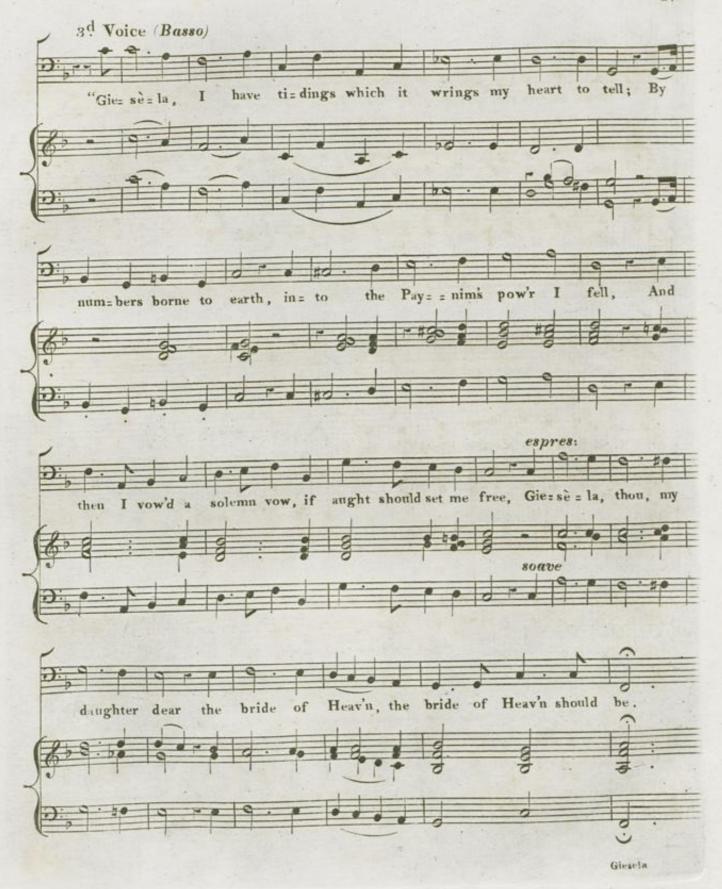
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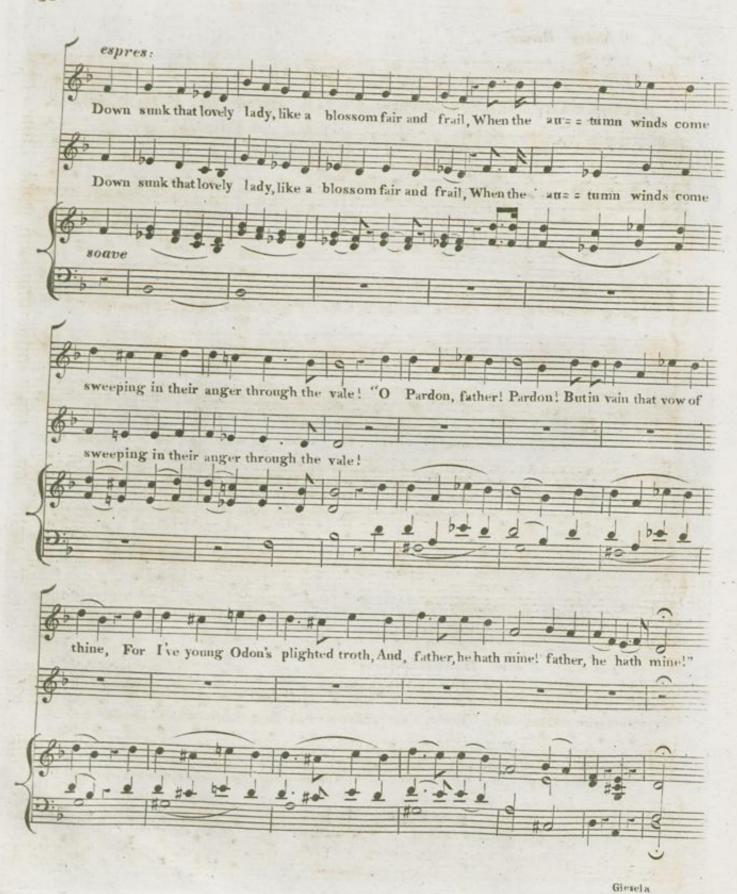




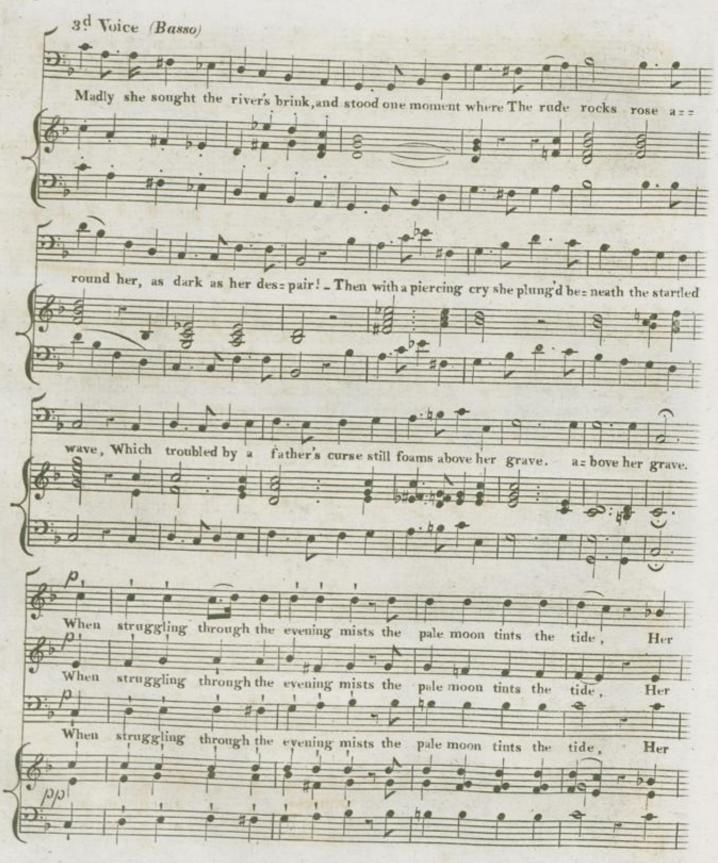


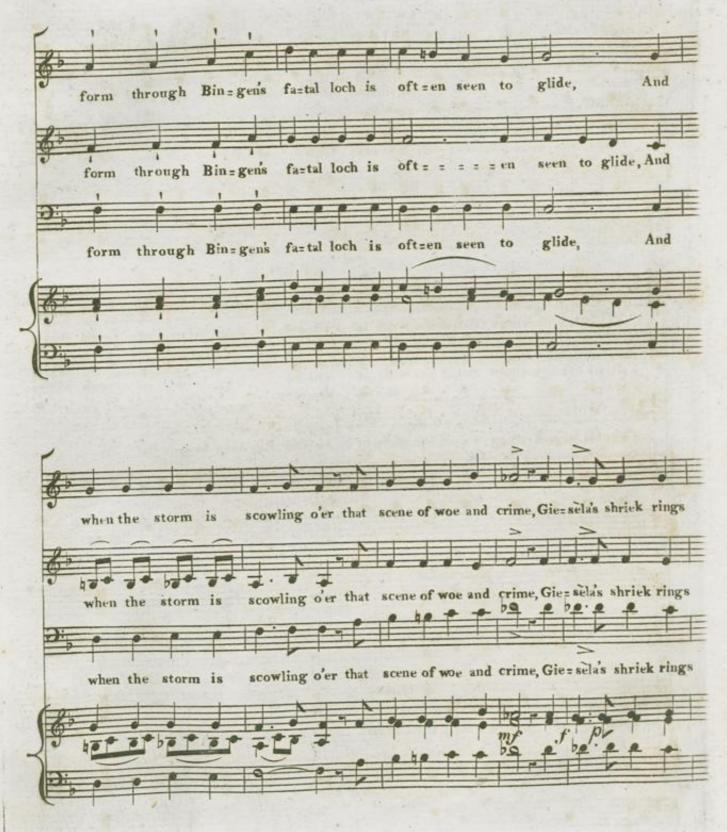
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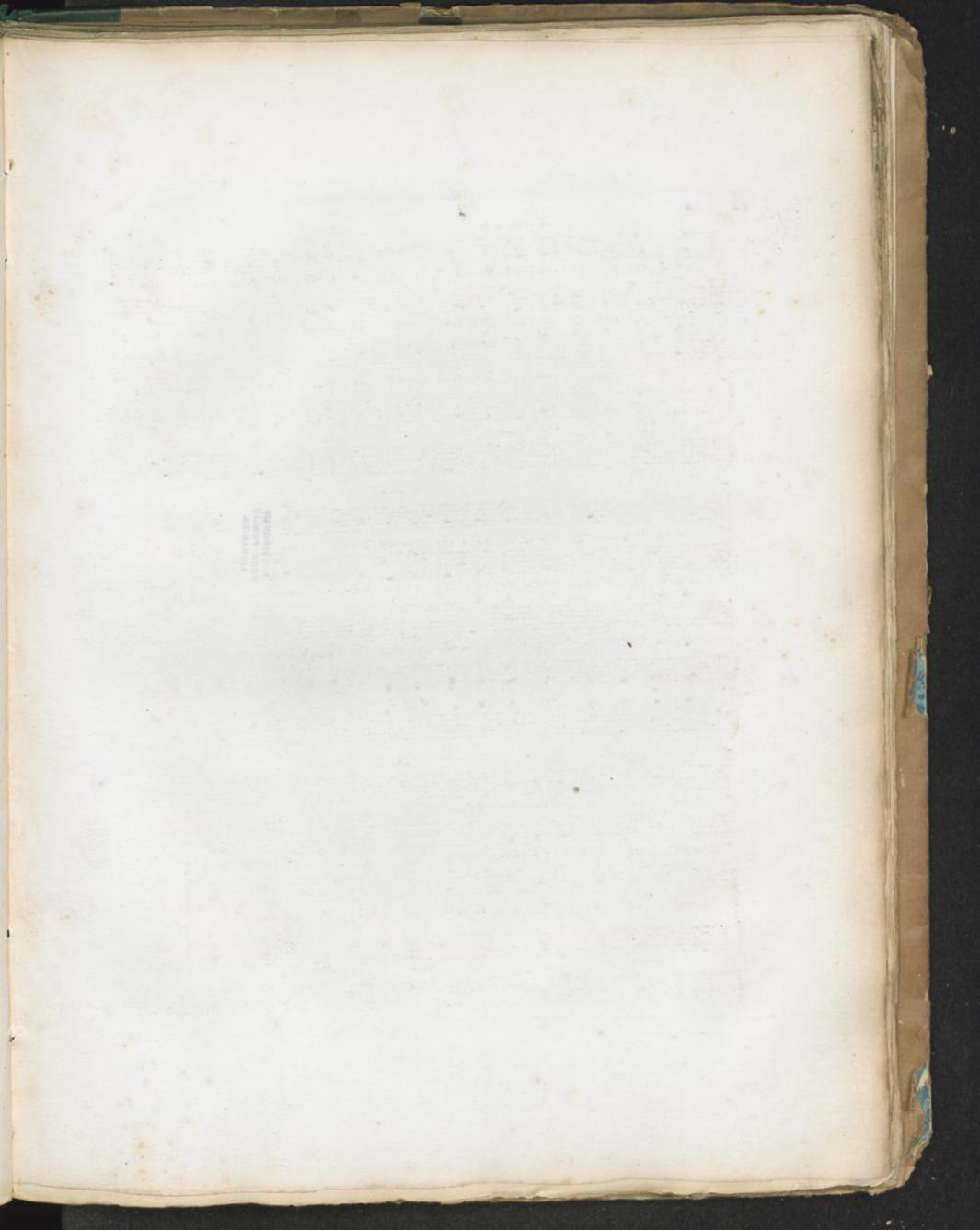


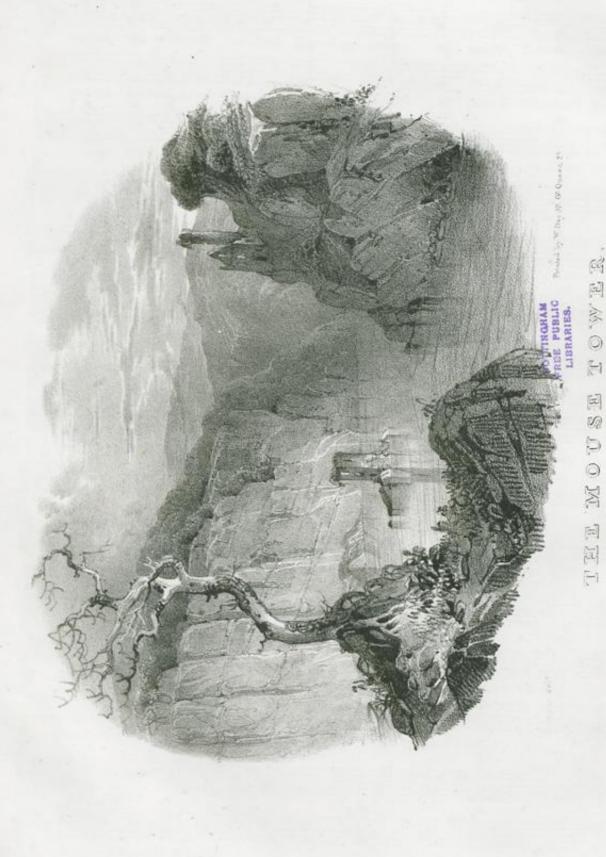












The little ruin in the Rhine, between the town of Bingen and the castle of Ehrenfels, and known by the name of the Mouse-Tower, was originally a station for enforcing the toll on the river, and most likely erected by Archbishop Hatto, when he rendered the Bingerloch navigable by blowing up the masses of rock which obstructed the current.

Superstition has affixed a ridiculous legend to this building, and a most unjust stigma on its princely and reverend founder, who was a noble benefactor to his country, though the rigidness of his ecclesiastical discipline made him obnoxious to many even of the clergy. The story, which was copied by Coryat in his Crudities from the old German writer, Sebastian Munster, is well known, and, unfortunately for me, has been already versified by the masterly pen of Dr. Southey. I would willingly have avoided a comparison which must be so greatly to my disadvantage, but there was no way of omitting so celebrated a tradition in a work professing to contain the most remarkable "Legends of the Rhine." I have only therefore to disclaim the slightest attempt at competition, and hasten to shelter my feeble version behind the musical ægis of my friend and collaborateur, Mr. Bishop.

The Mouse-Tower.

The Bishop of Mentz was a wealthy prince,
Wealthy and proud was he:
He had all that was worth a wish on earth—
But he had not charitie!
He would stretch out his empty hands to bless,
Or lift them both to pray;
But, alack! to lighten man's distress
They moved no other way!

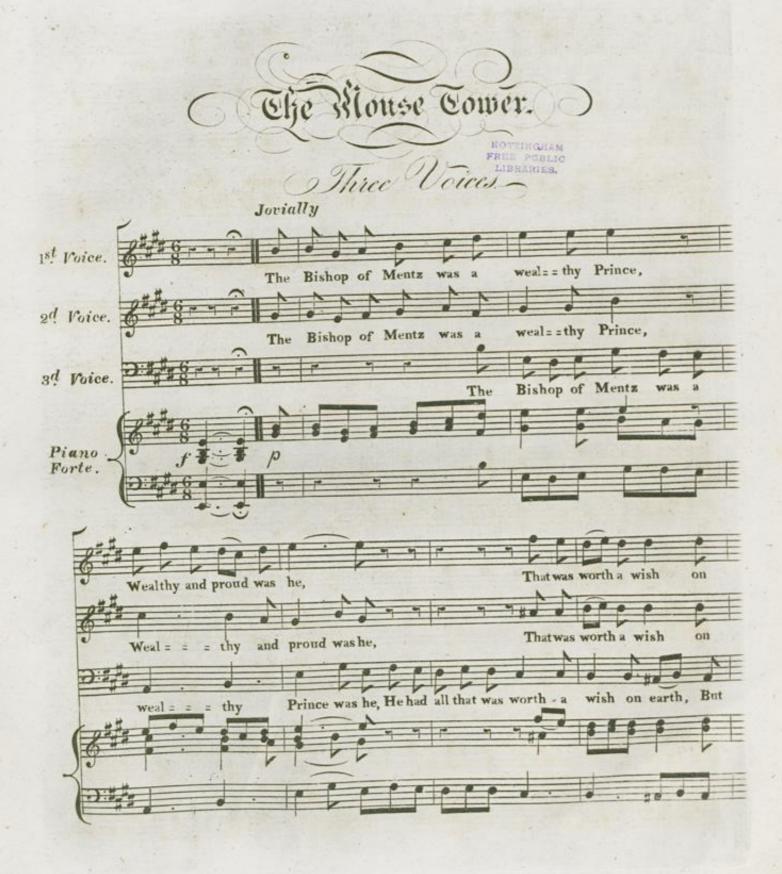
A famine came; but his heart was still
As hard as his pride was high;
And the starving poor but throng'd his door
To curse him and to die.
At length from the crowd rose a clamour so loud,
That a cruel plot laid he;
He open'd one of his granaries wide,
And bade them enter free!

In they rush'd—the maid and the sire,
And the child that could barely run—
Then he closed the barn, and set it on fire,
And burnt them every one!
And loud he laugh'd at each terrible shriek,
And cried to his archer-train,
"The merry mice!—how shrill they squeak!
They are fond of the Bishop's grain!"

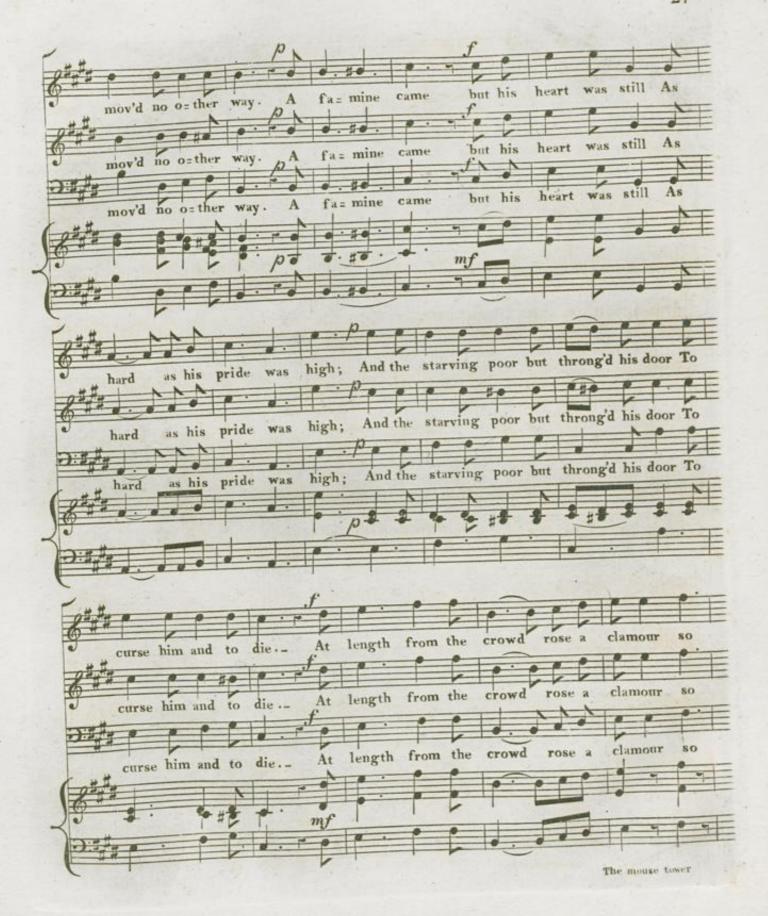
But mark what an awful judgment soon
On the cruel Bishop fell!
With so many mice his palace swarm'd
That in it he could not dwell.
They gnaw'd the arras above and beneath,
They eat each savoury dish up,
And shortly their sacrilegious teeth
Began to nibble the Bishop!

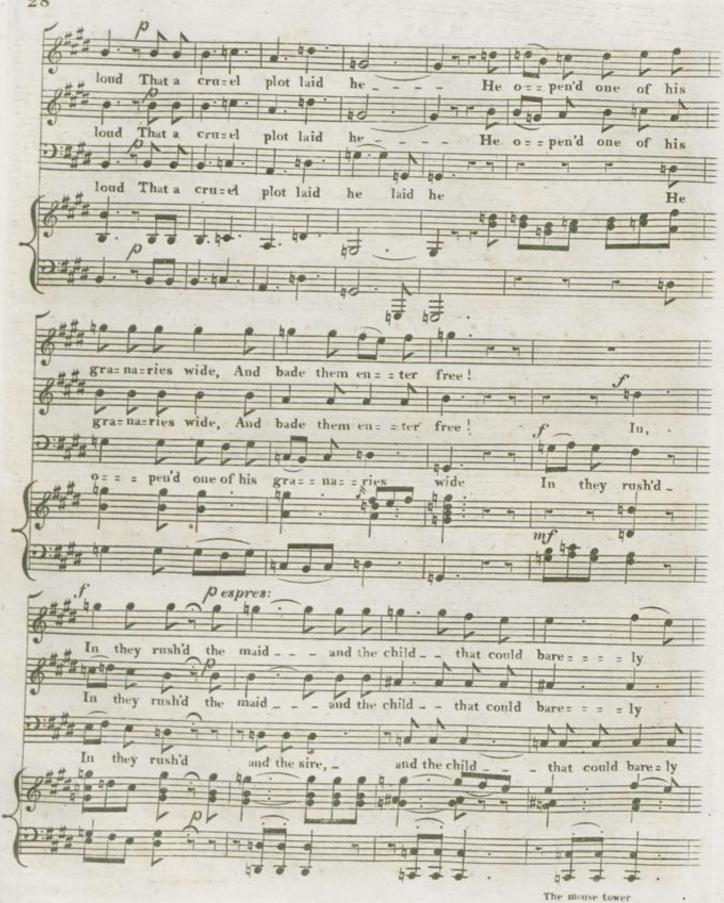
He flew to his Castle of Ehrenfels,
By the side of the Rhine so fair;
But they found the road to his new abode,
And came in legions there!
He built him in haste a tower tall
In the tide, for his better assurance;
But they swam the river and scaled the wall,
And worried him past endurance!

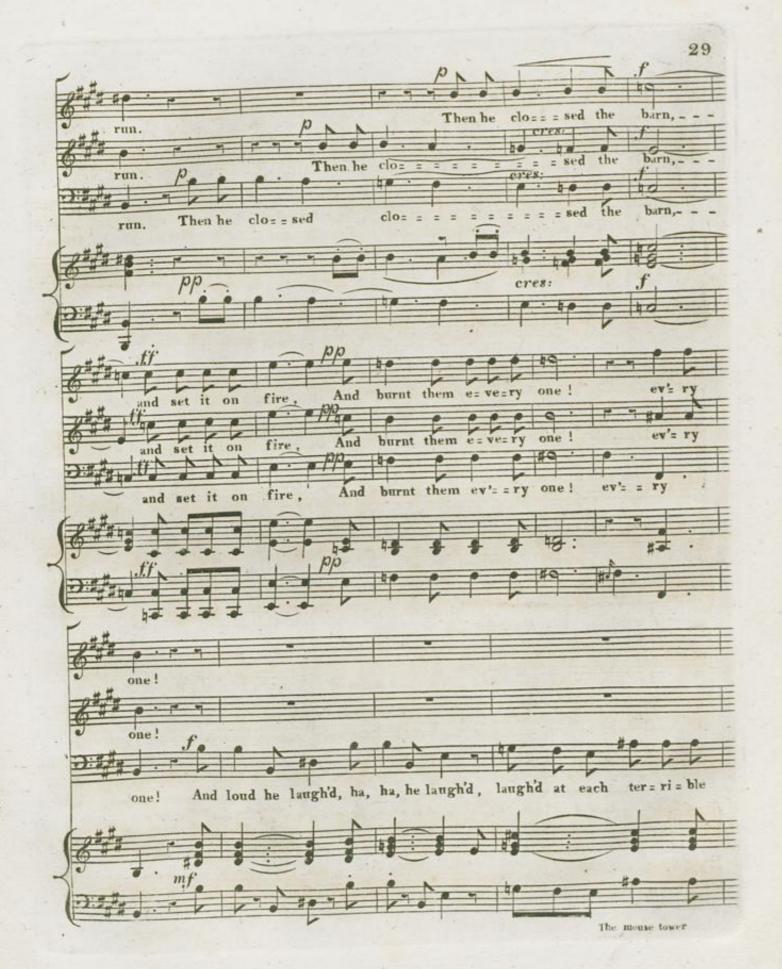
One morning his skeleton there was seen,
By a load of flesh the lighter:
They had pick'd his bones uncommonly clean,
And eaten his very mitre!
Such was the end of the Bishop of Mentz:
And oft, at the midnight hour,
He comes in the shape of a fog so dense,
And sits on his old "Mouse-Tower."



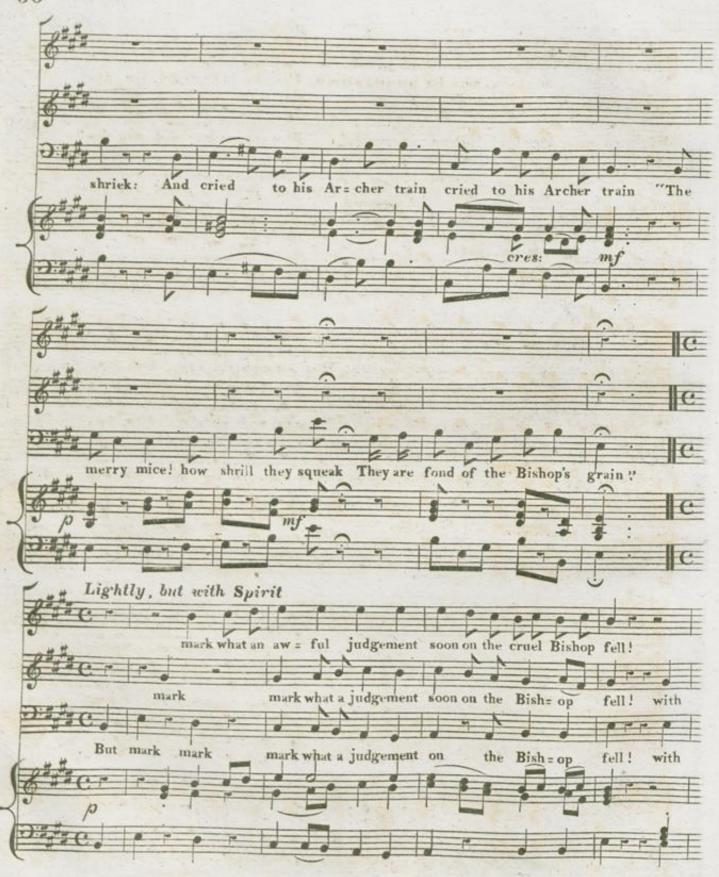
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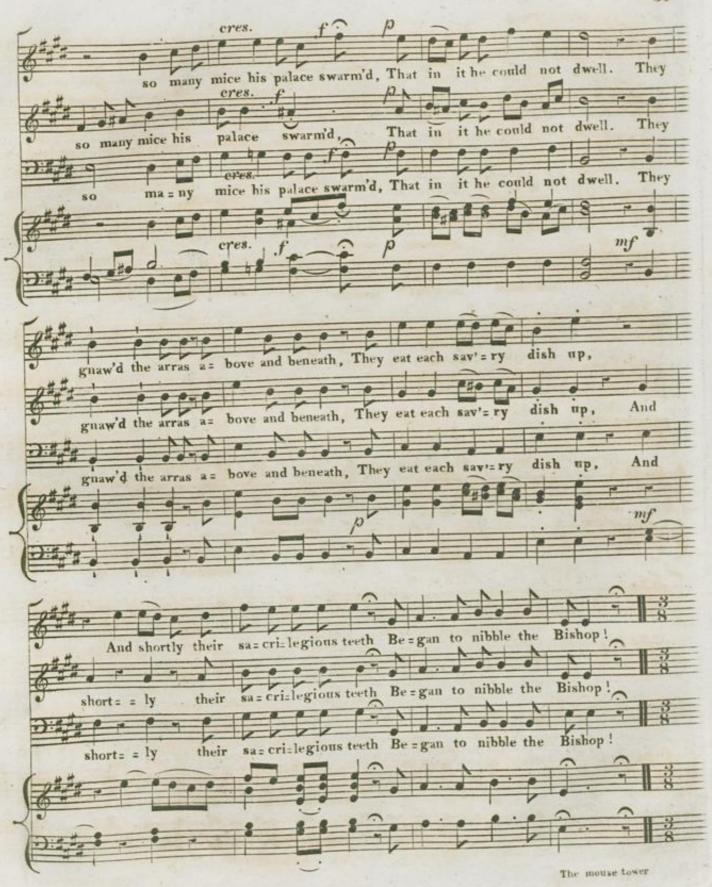




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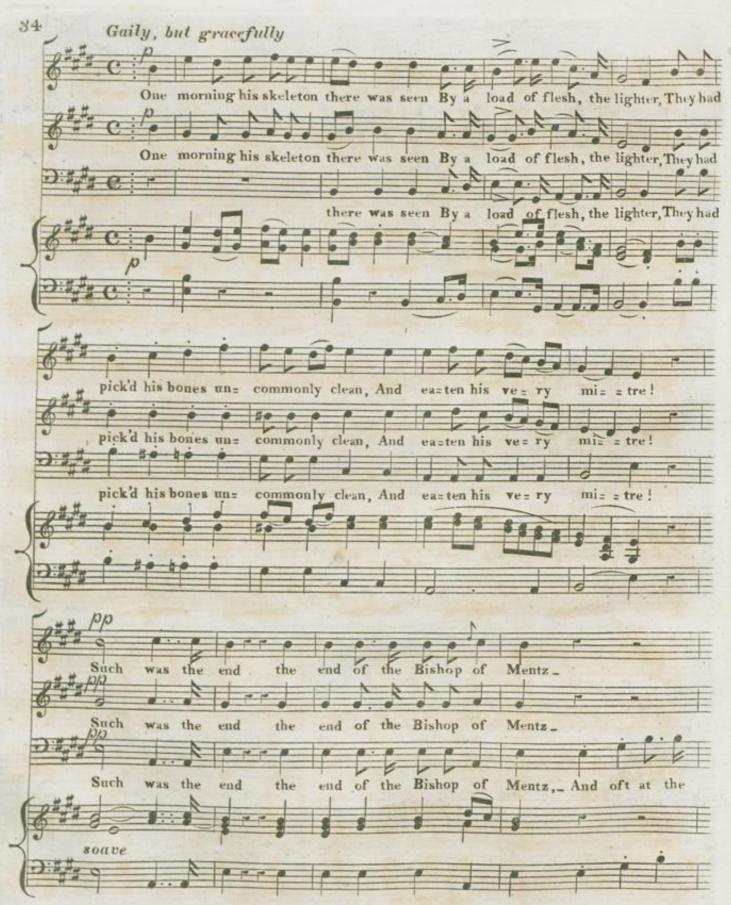
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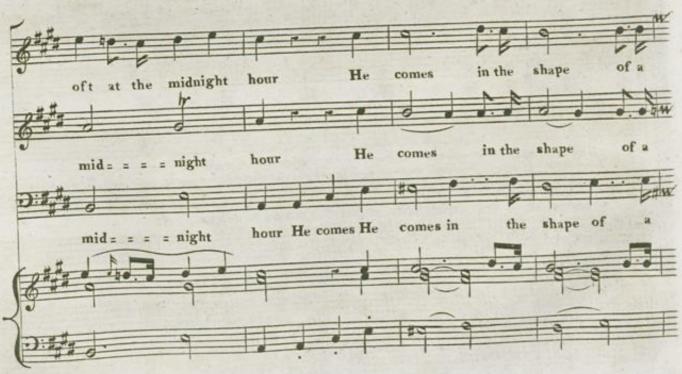
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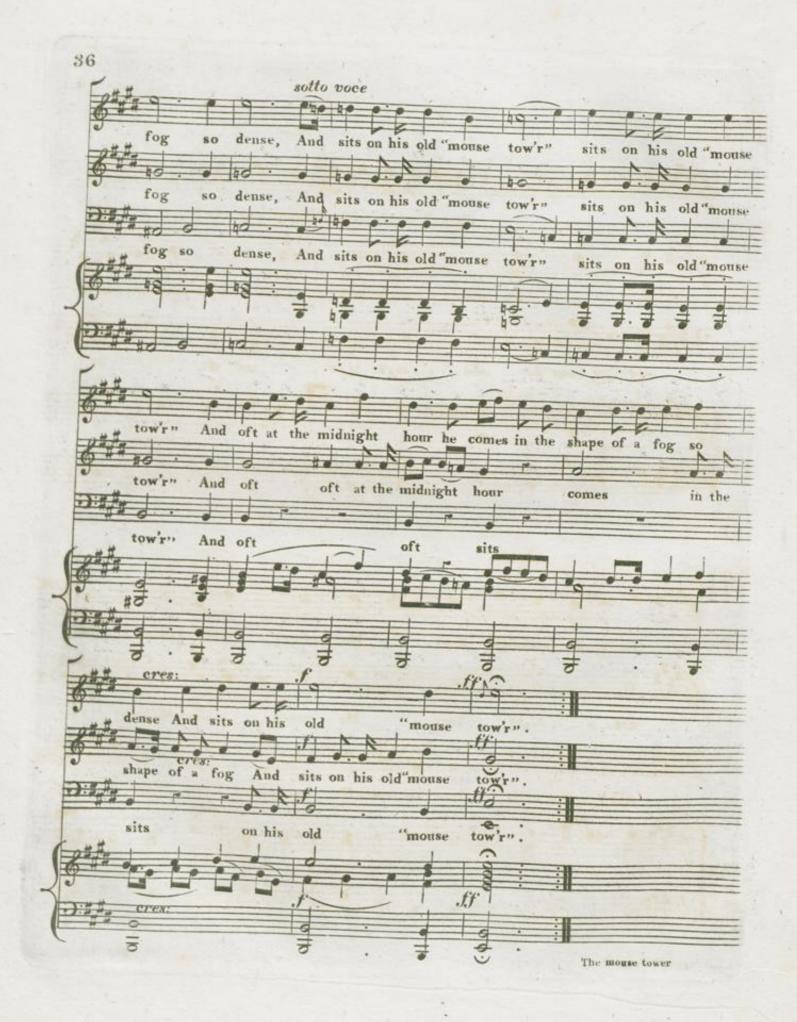


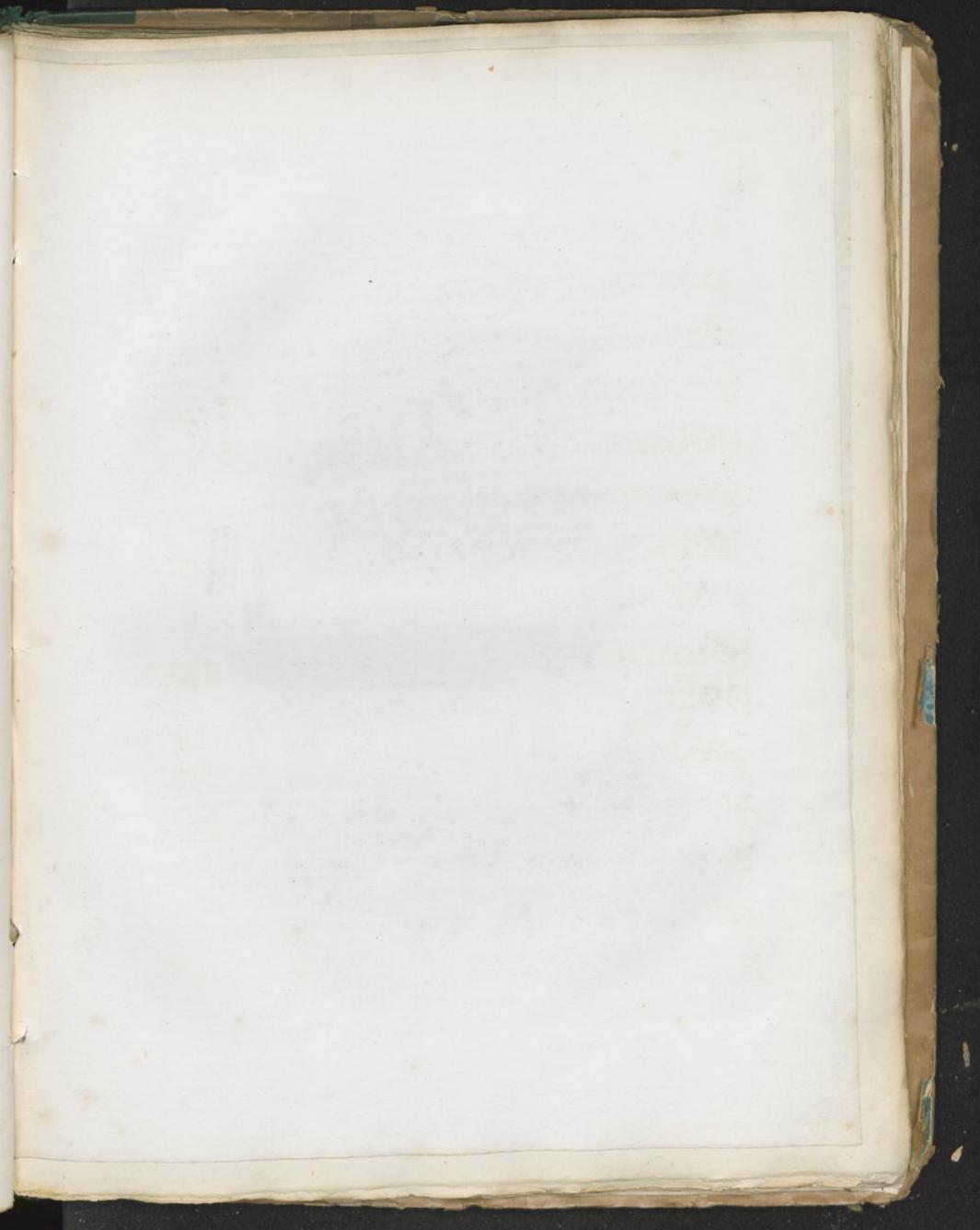
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Beside the little town of Lorch, or Lorrich, rises the precipitous mountain of Kedrich. It has received the name of the Devil's Ladder, from a tradition which is variously related. According to some, the devil himself rode up this hill on horseback. Others say, that a bold and amorous young knight, who had carried off the heiress of the Burgh of Lorch, performed the same extraordinary feat. Another entirely different version states, that a ladder was absolutely made and fixed against the precipice, in the short space of one night, by some friendly elves, to enable a young knight, named Ruthelm, to rescue the fair Garlinda, daughter of one Sibo Von Lorch, from the power of the gnomes, who inhabited the caverns of the Whisper-thal (a wild ravine in the neighbourhood), and whom Sibo had incautiously offended. The story told to me combines the principal features of the last two. A Sir Hilchen, or Gilgen Von Lorch, (whose saddle is still preserved in the town-house!) galloped up the Kedrich, and released his ladye-love from a lofty tower, to which she had been borne by the irritated gnomes aforesaid.

The old ruin of Nollingen, or Nolicht, which overlooks the town, is supposed by Baron Gerring to have belonged to the family of Hilchen Von Lorch.

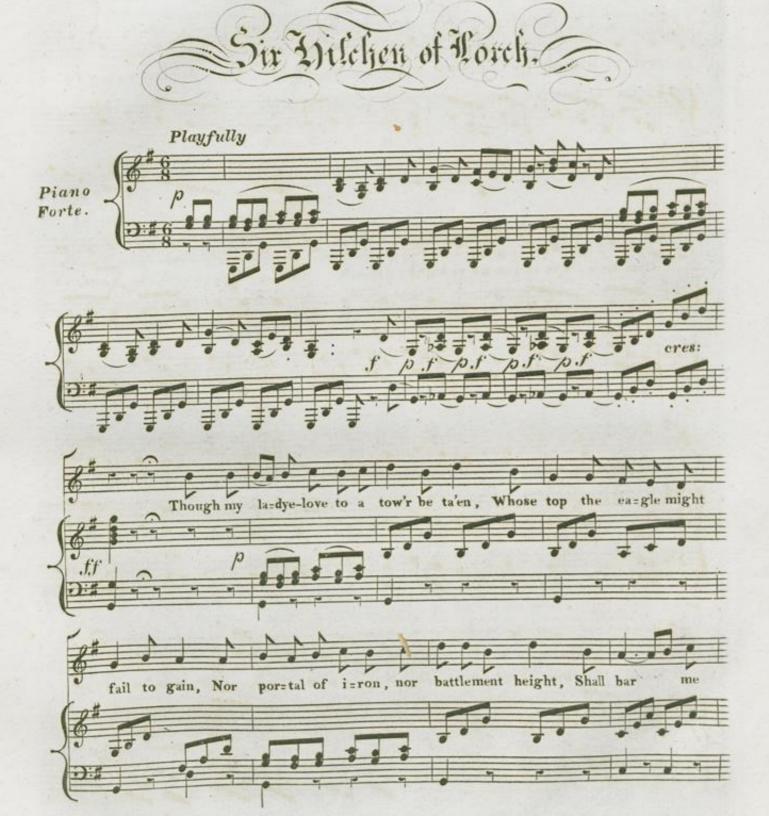
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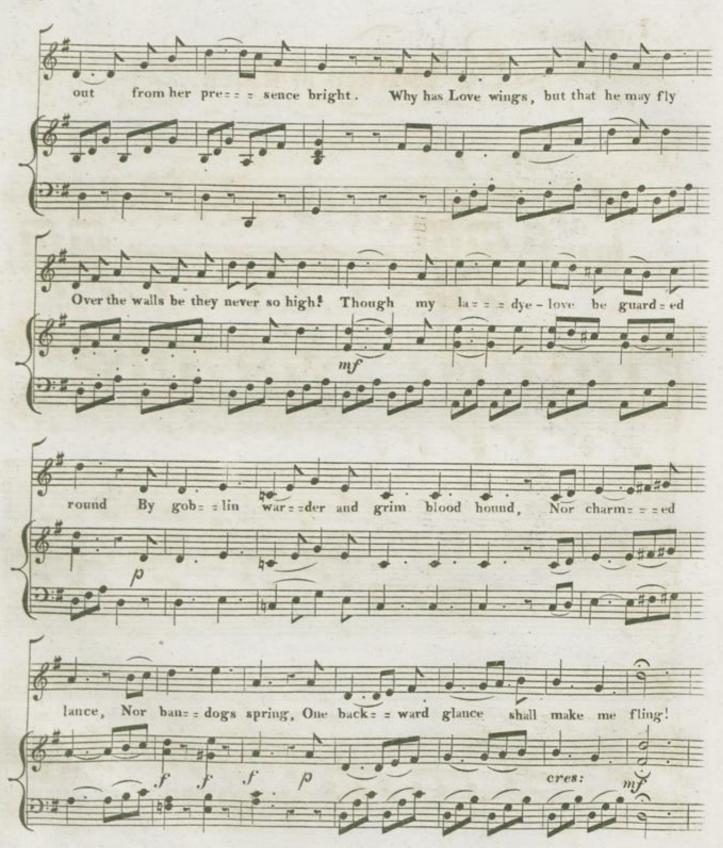
"THOUGH my ladye-love to a tower be ta'en,
Whose top the eagle might fail to gain;
Nor portal of iron, nor battlement height,
Shall bar me out from her presence bright:
Why has Love wings but that he may fly
Over the walls, be they never so high?

"Though my ladye-love be guarded round By goblin warder and grim blood-hound, Nor charmed lance, nor ban-dog's spring, One backward glance shall make me fling: Why is Love hoodwink'd but that he may be Blind to the danger another would see?"

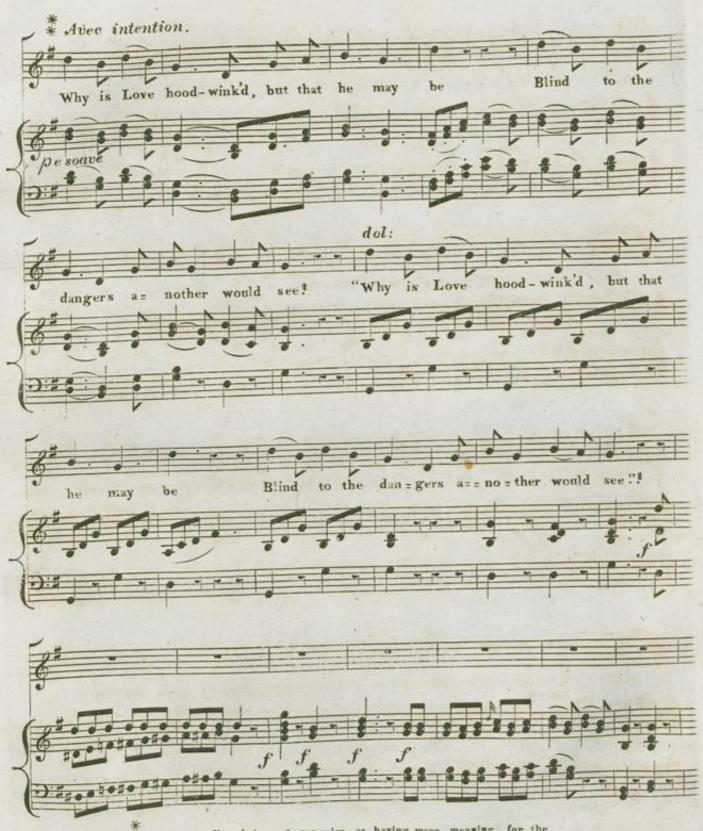
O this is the brave Sir Hilchen's lay,
As he gallops up the goblin way!
One false step, thou noble steed!
Thou and thy rider art lost indeed!—
One more bound, and together now
They are safe on the brink of the Kedrich's brow!

Hurrah! hurrah! 'Tis gallantly done!
The spell is broken! the bride is won!
From the magic hold of the mountain sprite
Down she comes with her dauntless knight!—
Holy St. Bernard, shield us all
From the wrath of the elves of the Whisper-thal!





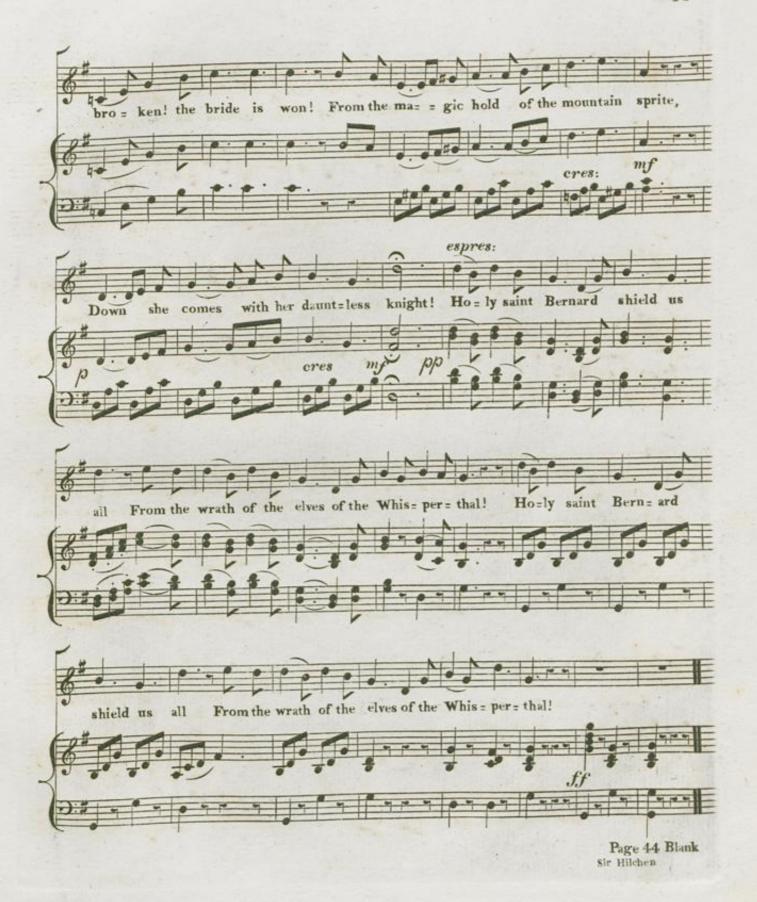
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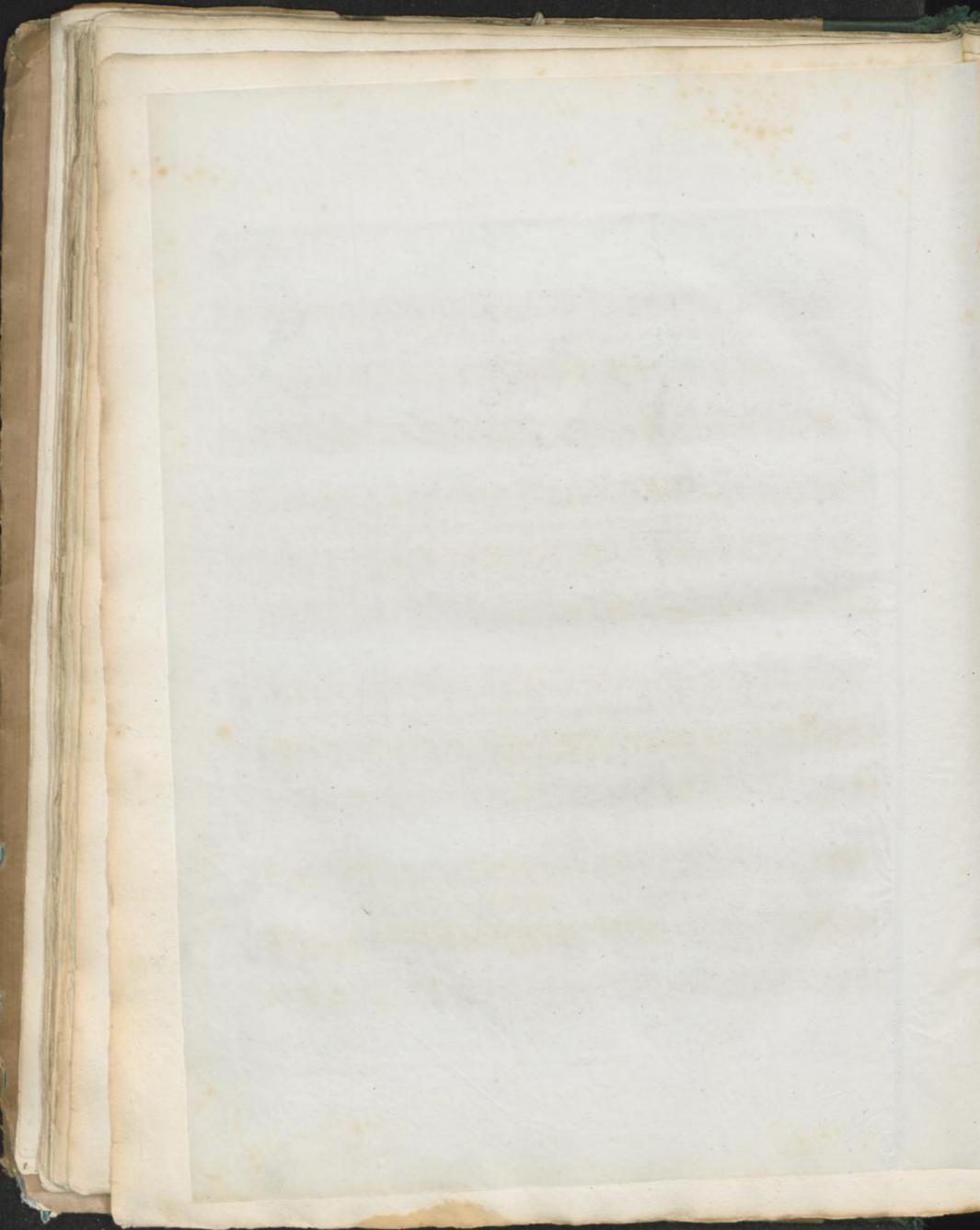


* I here use a French term of expression, as having more meaning for the purpose than any other I know of in our own, or indeed any other language. H.R.B. Sir Hilchen



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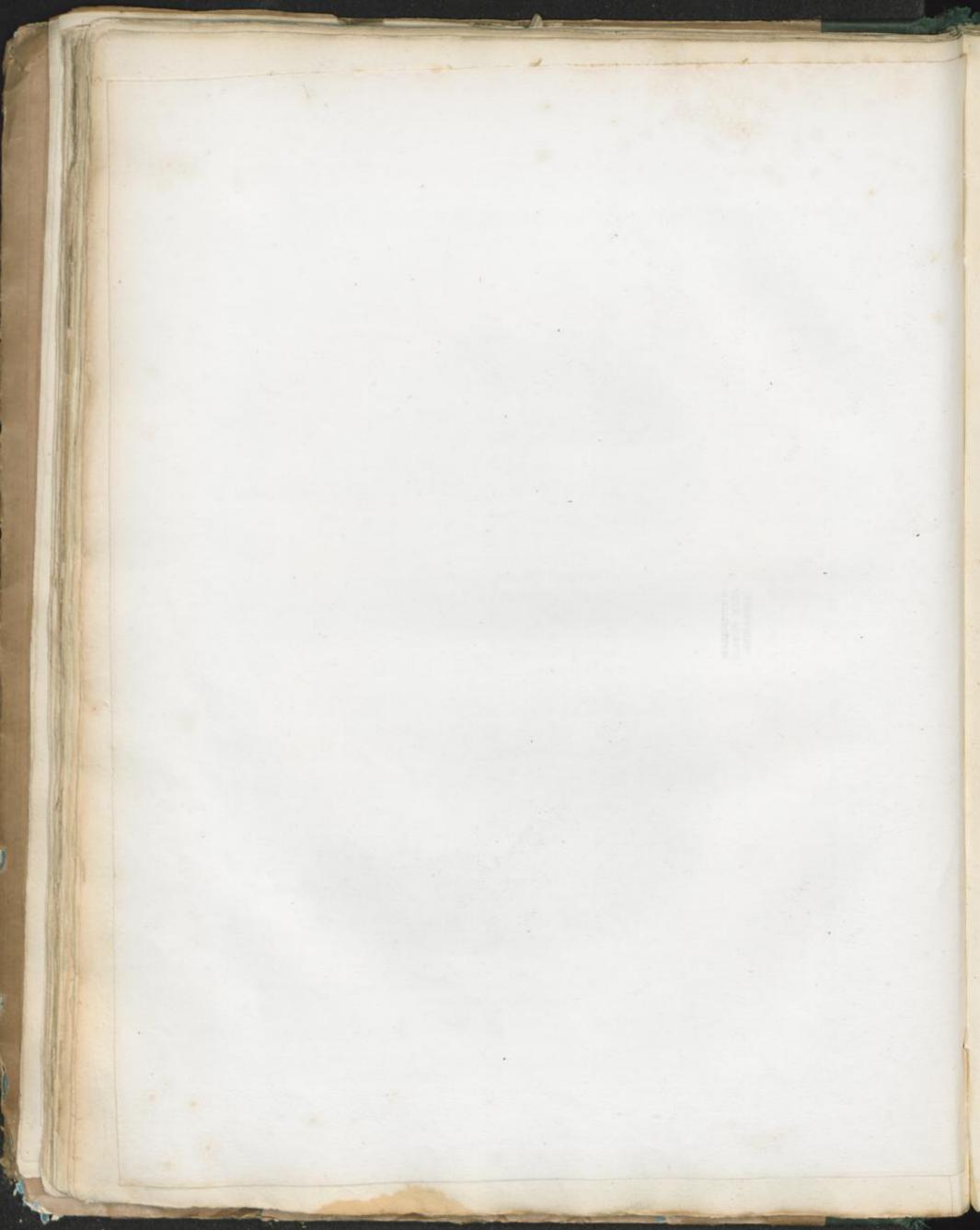






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THE "Ara Bacchi," or altar of Bacchus, from which it is said the town of Bacharach derives its name, is a stone lying in the river, just under the old toll-house, on the Wörth or island before the town. Its appearance above water, which never happens but in very dry weather, and when the Rhine is in consequence low, is hailed by the vine-dressers as a token of a fine vintage.

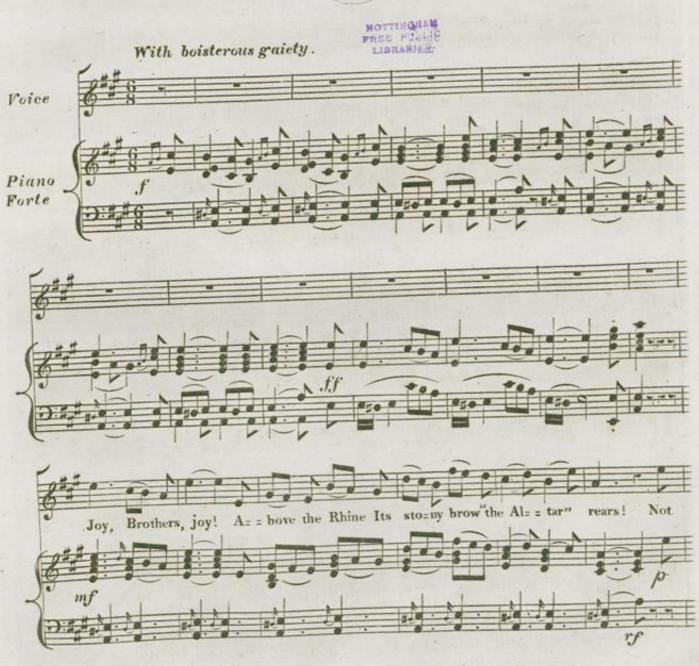
"In former days," says the Baron Von Gerring, "the festal peals of the baptized and consecrated May-bells sweetly echoed through the pleasant valleys of the Rheingau, from the setting in of even to the dawn of morning, with the view of obtaining the blessing of Heaven on the labours of man in that season of hope, when he commits the source of his future sustenance to the bosom of the earth. This ringing of bells has been prohibited, on account of the disturbance which it occasioned by night."

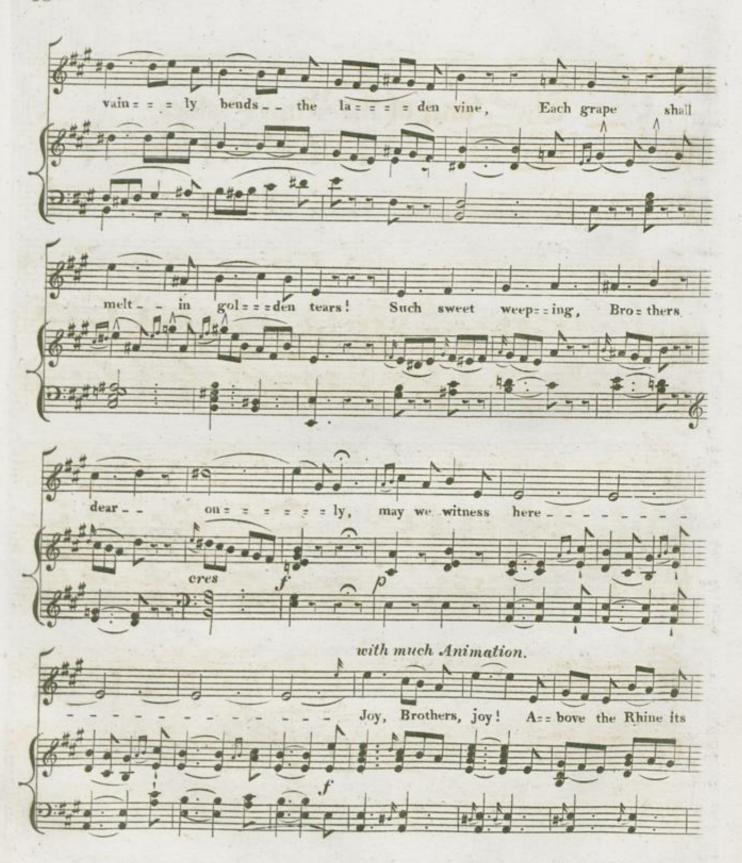
Song of the Uine-dressers.

Joy, brothers, joy! Above the Rhine
Its stony brow "the Altar" rears!
Not vainly bends the laden vine;
Each grape shall melt in golden tears!
Such sweet weeping, brothers dear,
Only may we witness here!

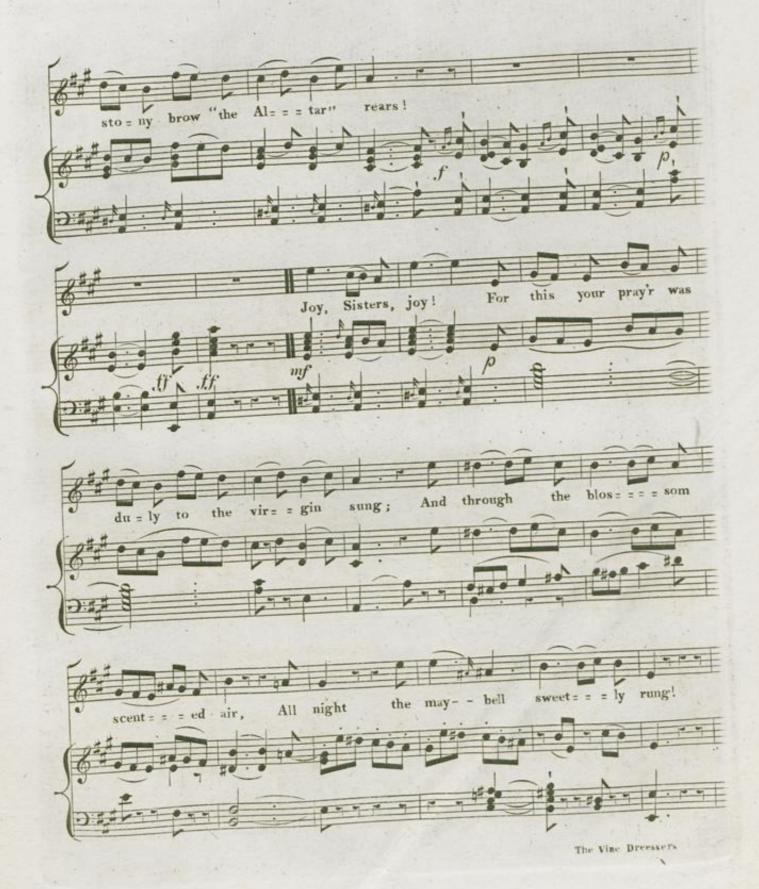
Joy, sisters, joy! For this, your prayer
Was duly to the Virgin sung,
And through the blossom-scented air,
All night the May-bells sweetly rung!
May the hopes of your young spring
Know as fair a ripening!

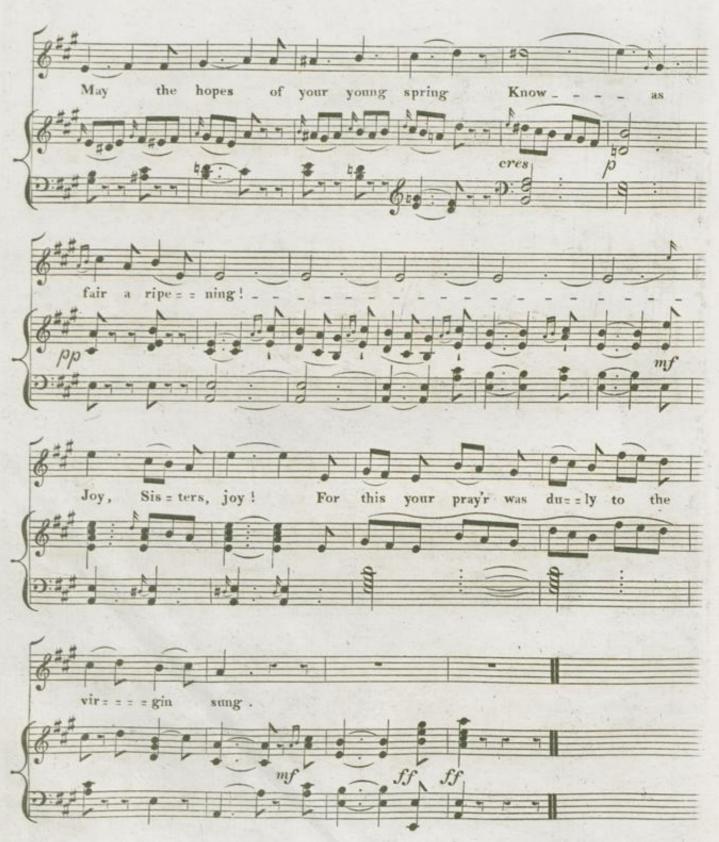




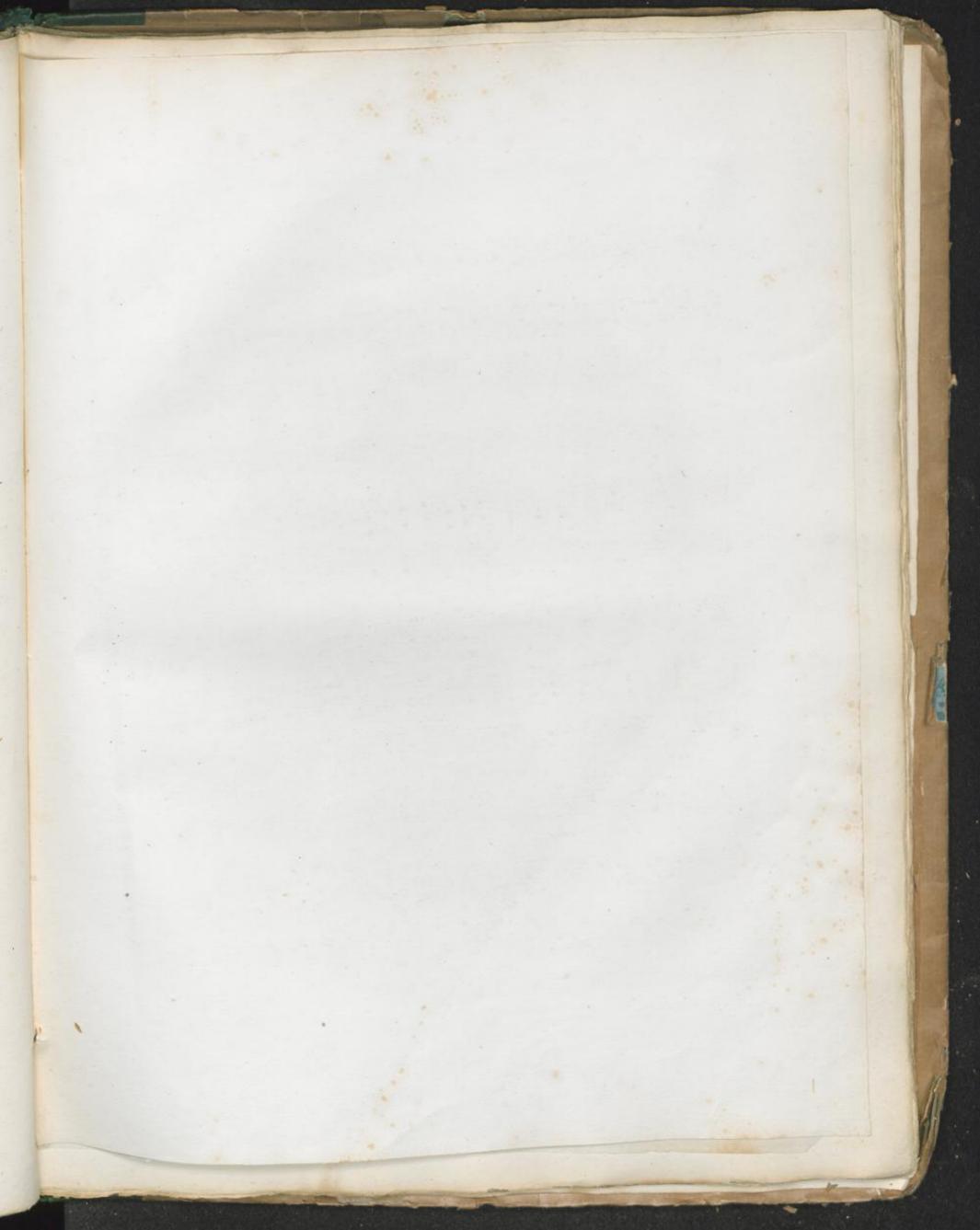


The Vine Dressers





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The seven beautiful Countesses, whose coquetry, cruelty, and punishment are recorded in the following legend, are supposed to have been the seven daughters of the Gaugrave Louis I. Von Arnstein. The story runs, that the celebrated Rhein-Nixe, Lureley, who is the subject of our next ballad, was the avenger of the jilted knights; and when the Rhine is low, and the wind causes the waves to foam around the protruding group of rocks, into which it is supposed these cold and scornful ladies were transformed, the peasantry of the neighbourhood imagine "the Seven Sisters" are endeavouring to leap from out the flood, and regain their paternal castle.

The Seven Sisters.

The Castle of Schenberg was lofty and fair,
And seven Countesses ruled there.
Lovely, and noble, and wealthy I trow—
Every sister had suitors enow.
Crowned duke and belted knight
Sigh'd at the feet of those ladies bright;
And they whisper'd hope to every one,
While they vow'd in their hearts they would favor none!
Gentles, list to the tale I tell—
"Tis many a year since this befel:
Women are alter'd now, I ween,
And never say what they do not mean!

At the Castle of Schenberg 'twas merriment all—
There was dancing in bower and feasting in hall;
They ran at the ring in the tilt-yard gay,
And the moments flew faster than thought away!
But not only moments—the days fled too—
And they were but as when they first came to woo;
And spake they of marriage or bliss deferr'd,
They were silenced by laughter and scornful word!

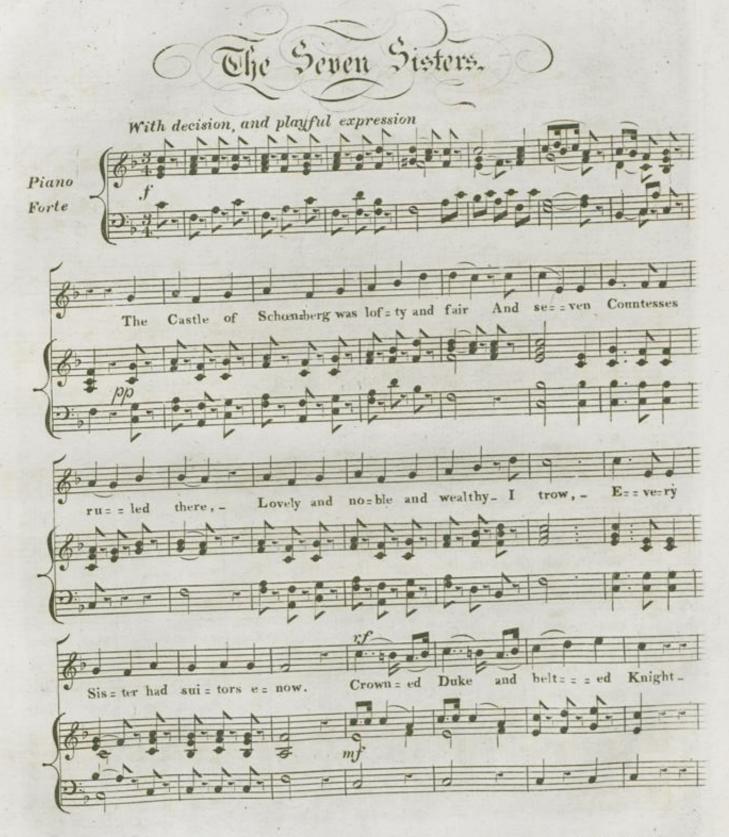
Gentles, list to the tale I tell—
'Tis many a year since this befel:
And ladies now so mildly reign,
They never sport with a lover's pain!

Knight look'd upon knight with an evil eye—
Each fancied a favor'd rival nigh;
And darker every day they frown'd,
And sharper still the taunt went round;
Till swords were drawn and lances in rest,
And the blood ran down from each noble breast:
While the sisters sat in their chairs of gold,
And smiled at the fall of their champions bold!

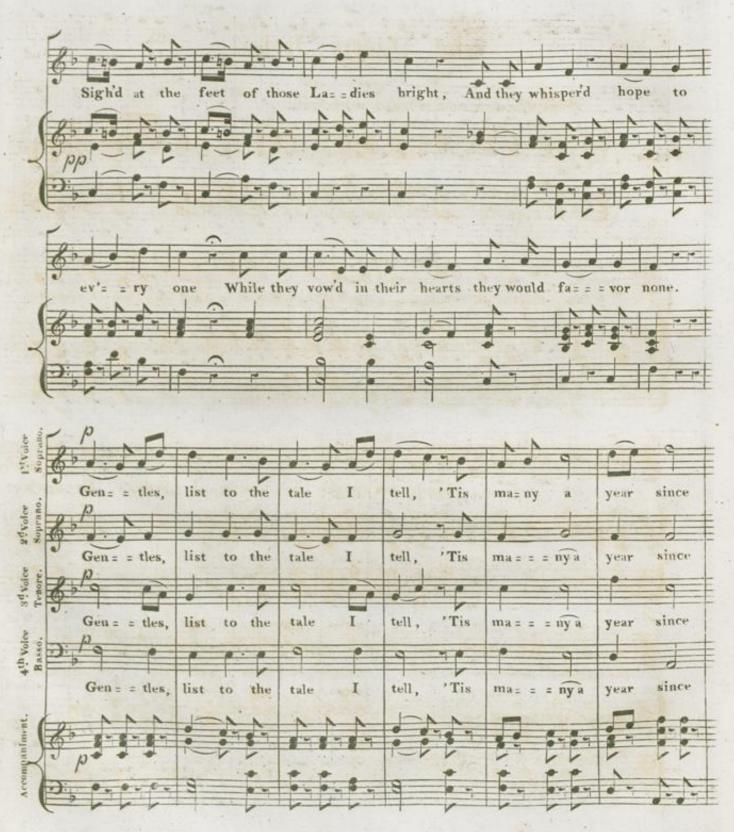
Gentles, list to the tale I tell— Tis many a year since this befel: Times have changed, and we must allow Countesses are not so cruel now.

Morning dawn'd upon Schenberg's towers,
But the sisters were not in their wonted bowers;
Their damsels sought them the castle o'er—
But upon earth they were seen no more!
Seven rocks are in the tide,
Ober-wesel's walls beside,
Baring their cold brows to heaven:
They are call'd "The Sisters Seven."
Gentles, list to the tale I tell—
"Tis many a year since this befel:
And ladies now may love deride,

And their suitors alone be petrified.



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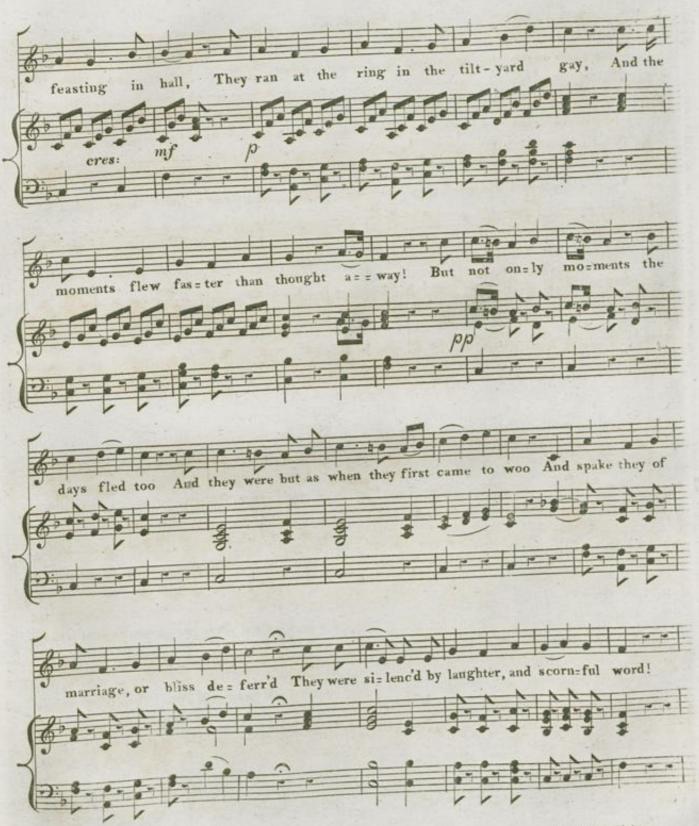




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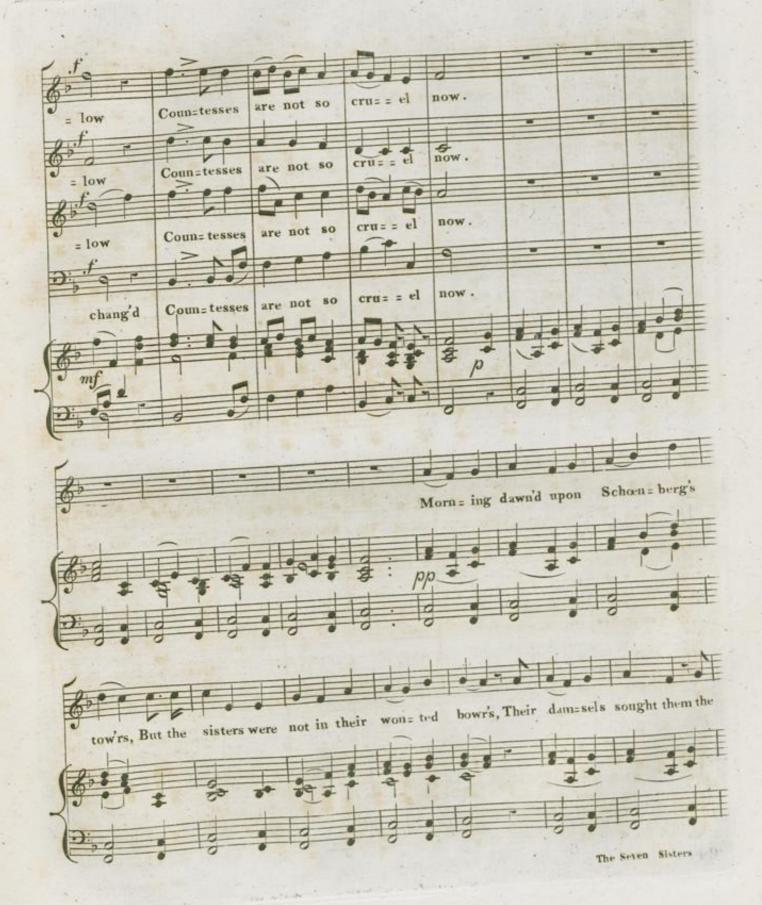
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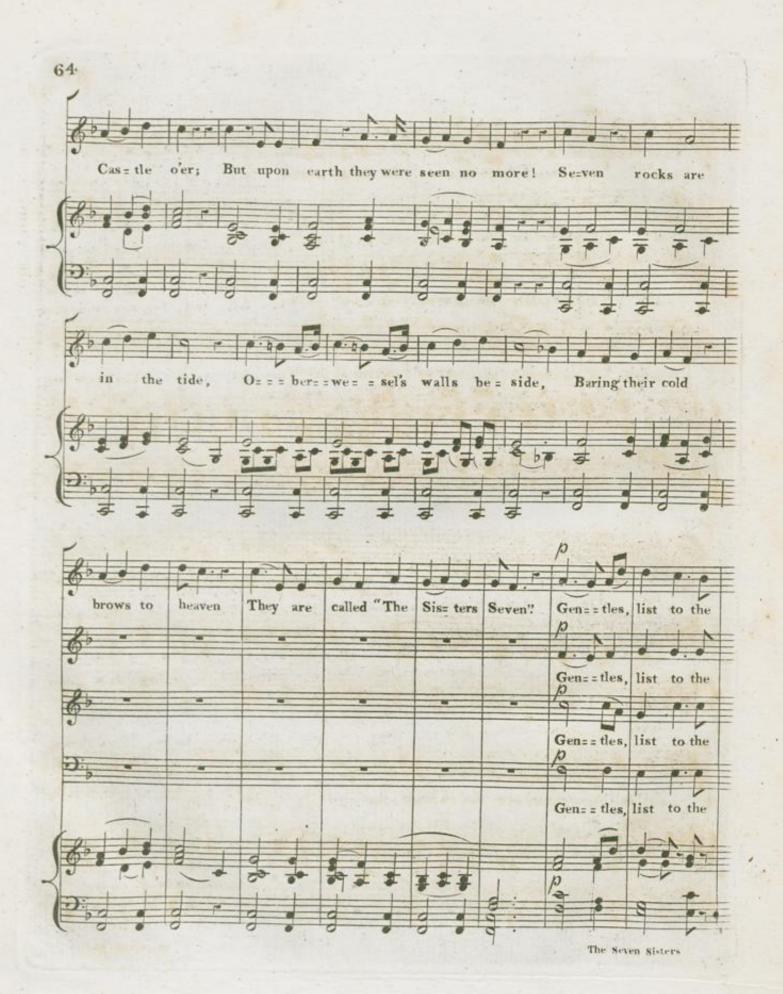


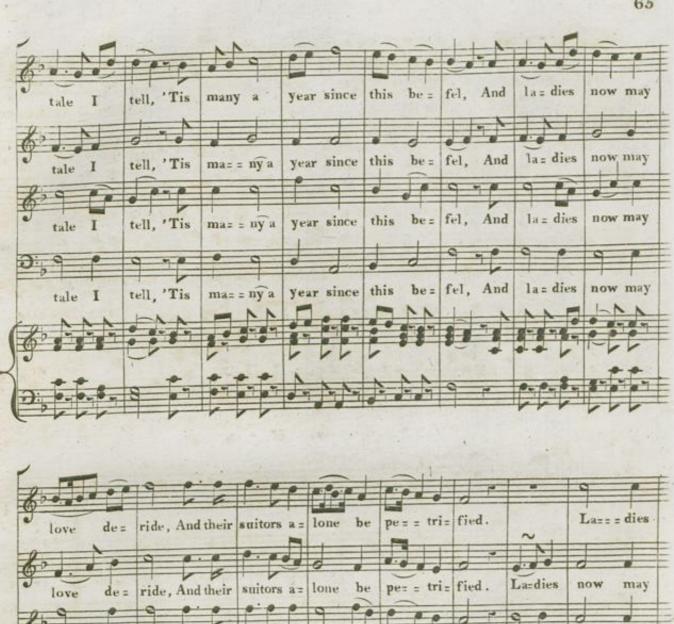




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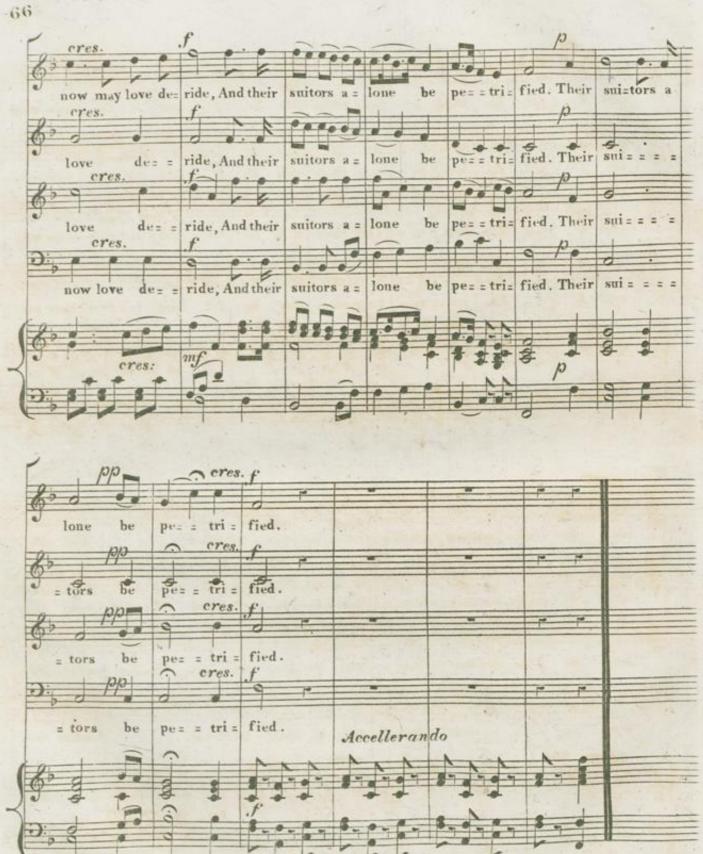




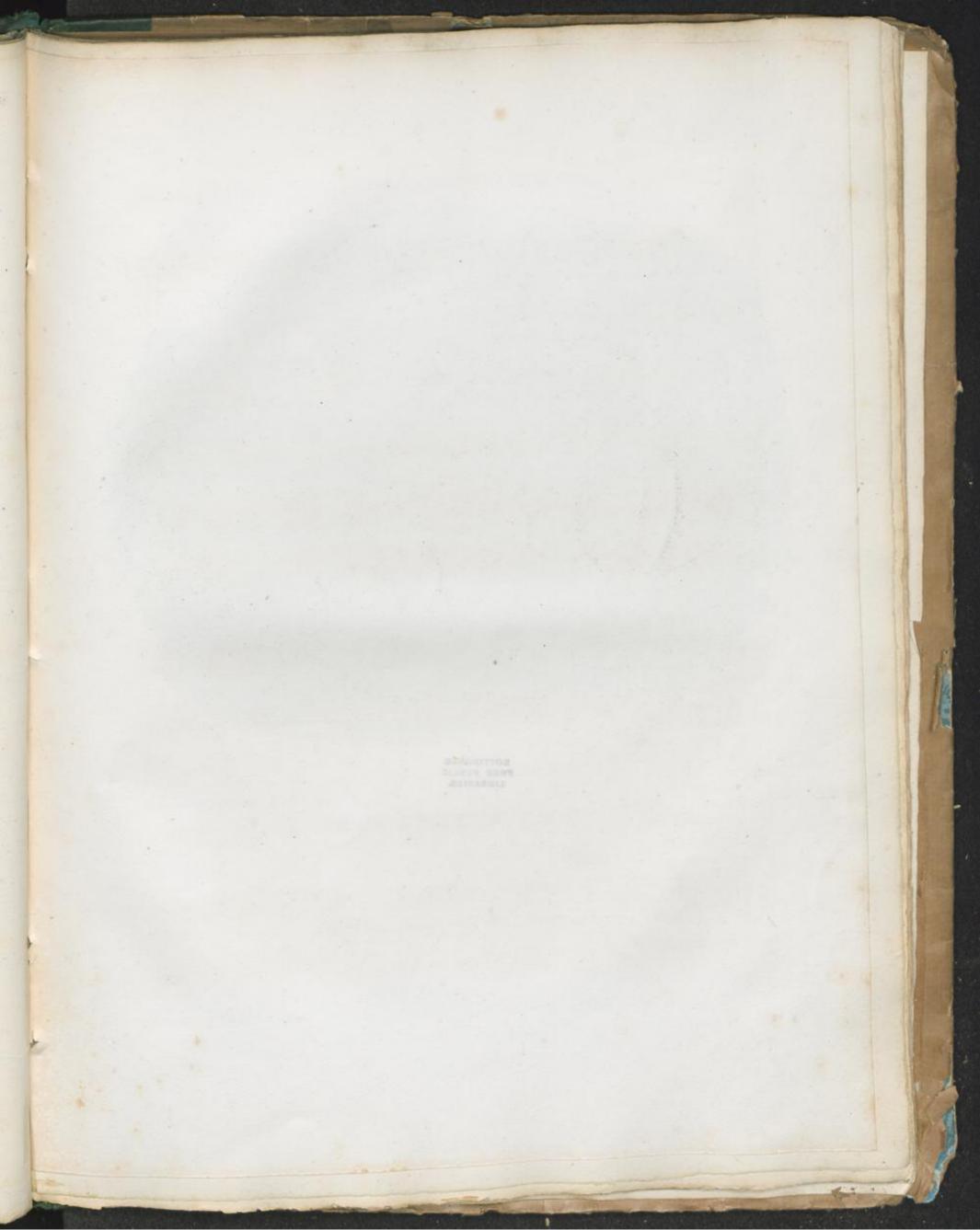




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THE LURLEI-BERG.

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A SHORT distance from St. Goar, an enormous mass of black basalt projects into the river, and at first sight appears to forbid all further progress. It is indeed believed that the Rhine has, by its own perseverance, fretted the narrow channel through which it at present winds round this formidable impediment.

This is the Lurley Berg, celebrated by the Minnesinger Marner, as early as the twelfth century. It has a remarkable echo, which repeats four or five times; and from thence its name; Lurley, or Lurelei, as it is indifferently called, being derived from Lallen, or Lullen, "to stammer," and ley, "a rock." (Vide Baron Gerring, Voy. Pitt.) Tradition has, however, made it the haunt of a fair Nixe, or Water Spirit, named Lurley, Lureley, or Luzeley, of whom many mad pranks are told. She is, notwithstanding, generally believed to be friendly to faithful lovers; and her punishment of the seven Countesses of Schönberg proves her detestation of insincerity. The boatmen on the Rhine seldom pass without invoking her, and the echoes never fail to repeat "Lureley!"

Lureley.

LIGHTLY o'er the rapid Rhine—
Lureley!
Glide we to thy rocky shrine—
Lureley!
Friend of all the fond and fair,
Answer to thy pilgrim's prayer—
Lureley!

Like the waves that glitter here—
Lureley!
Bright and gentle is my dear—
Lureley!
But her father's heart is stone,
Harder than thy craggy throne,—
Lureley!

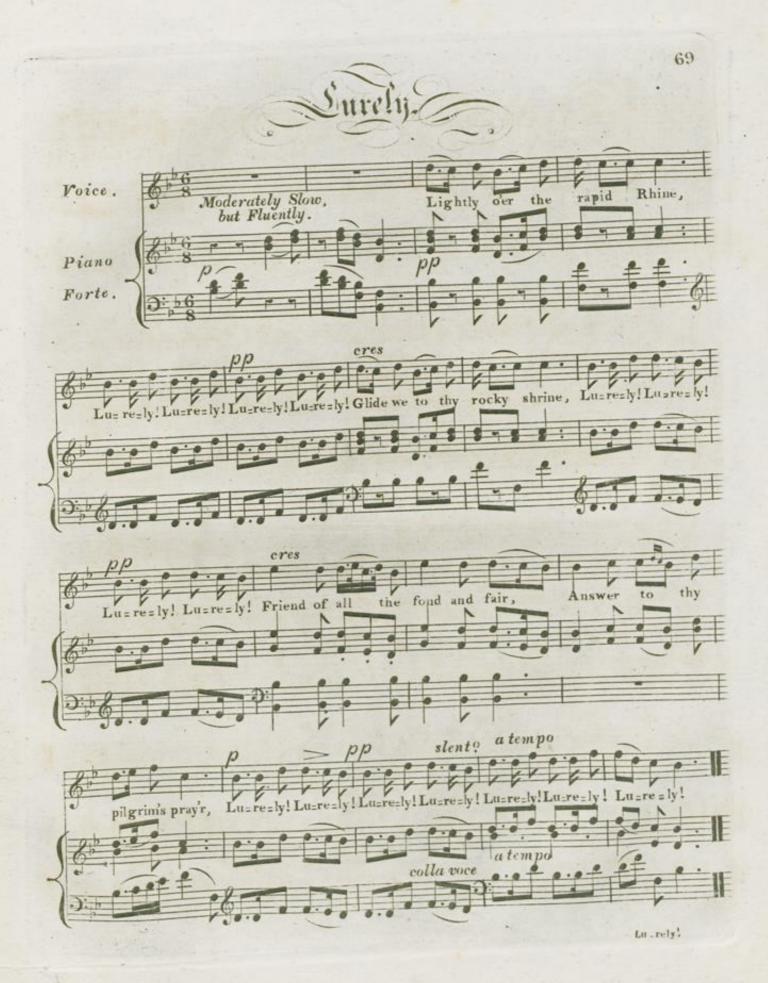
As thy bold rock cleaves the tide—
Lureley!

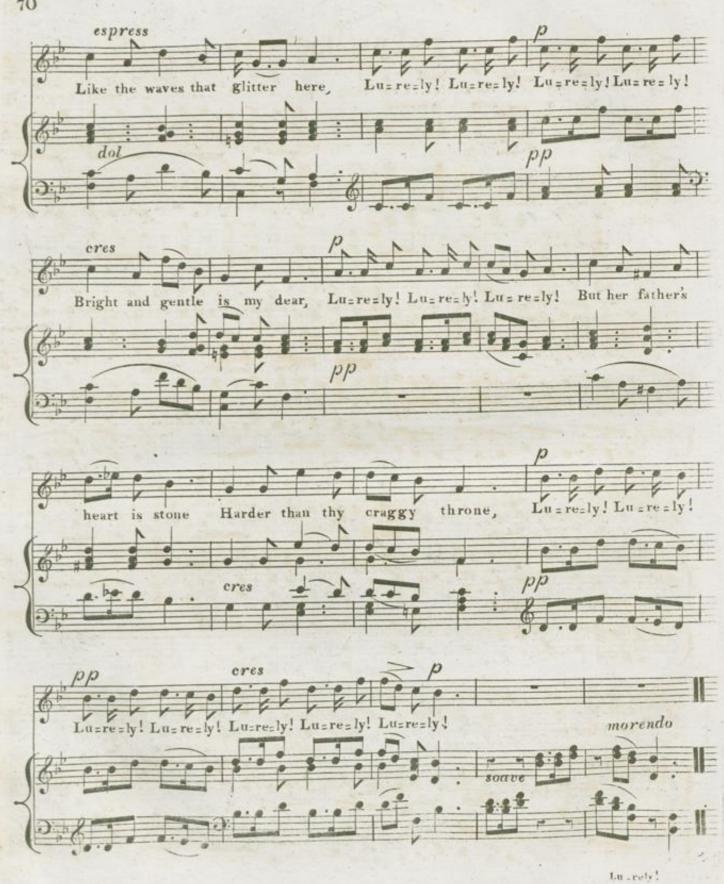
We are parted by his pride—
Lureley!

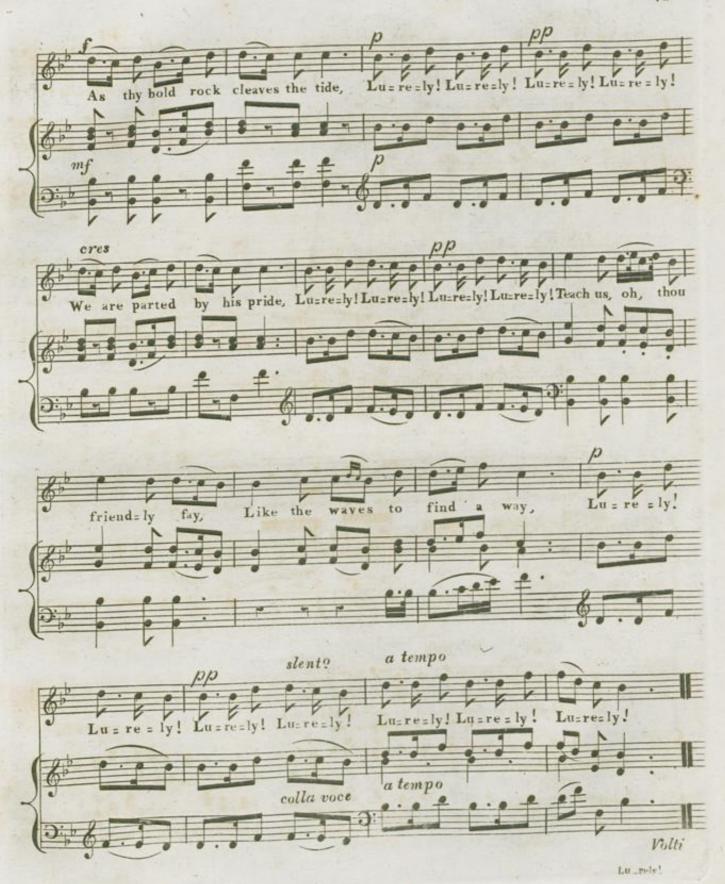
Teach us, O thou friendly Fay!

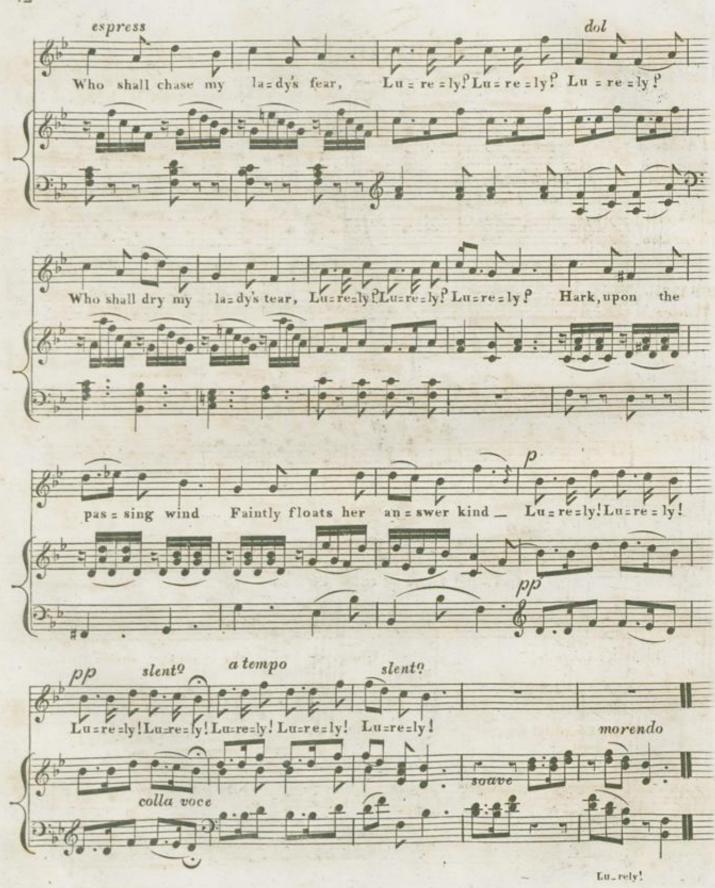
Like the waves to find a way—
Lureley!

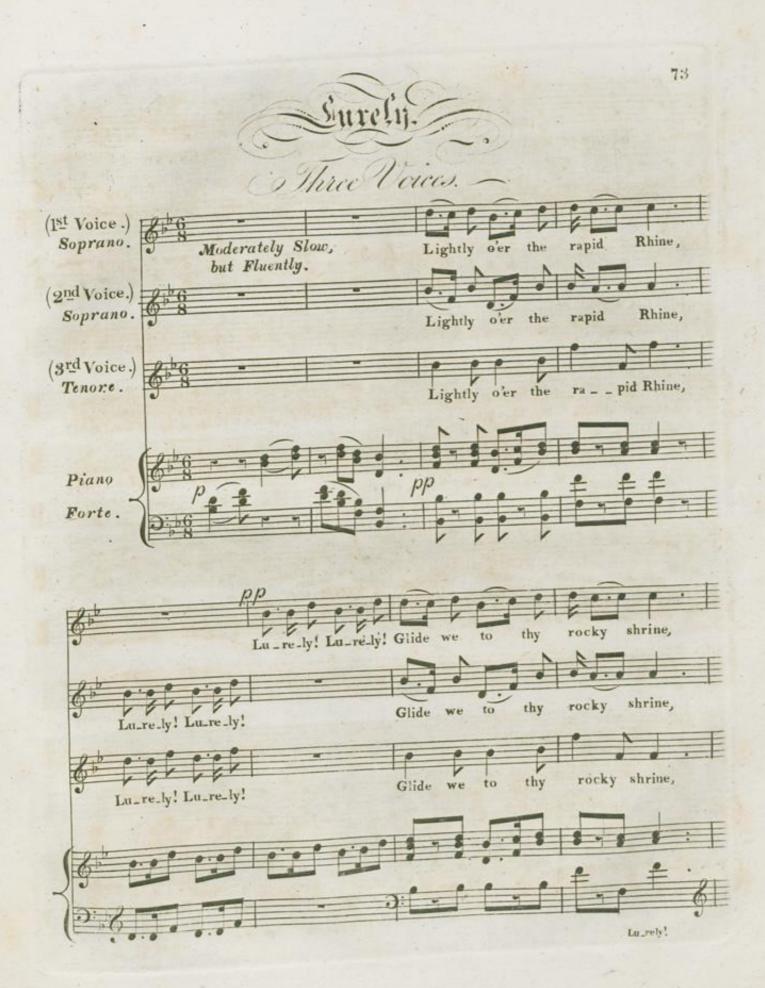
Who shall chase my lady's fear—
Lureley?
Who shall dry my lady's tear—
Lureley?
Hark upon the passing wind,
Faintly floats her answer kind!—
'' Lureley!''

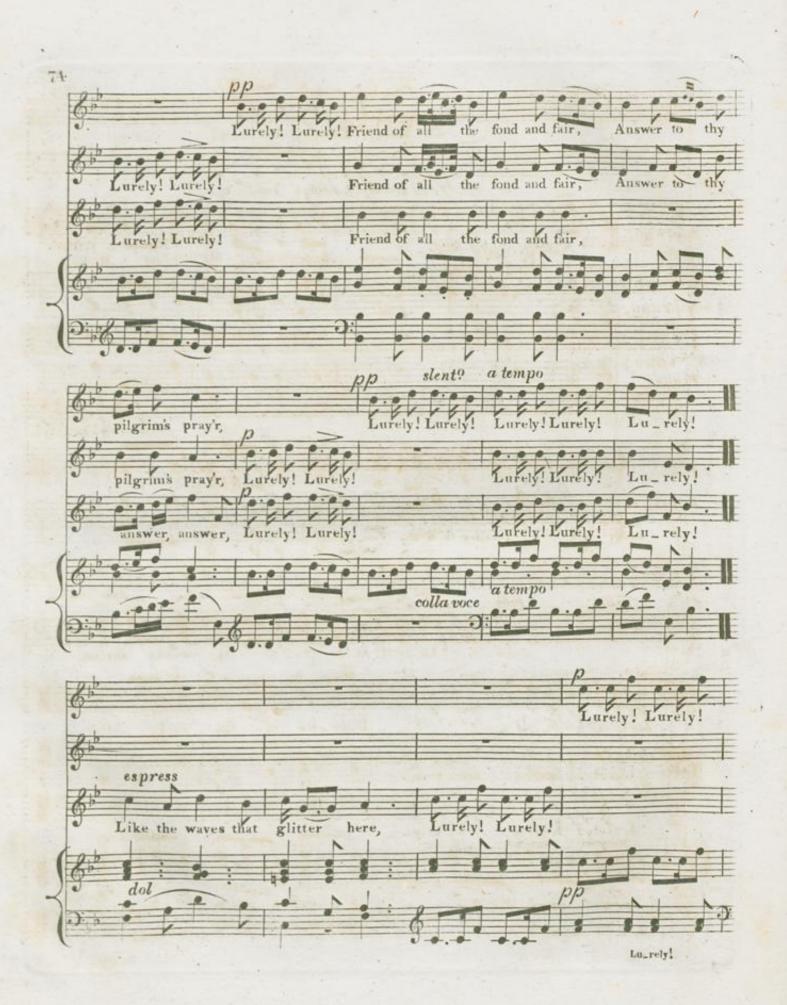


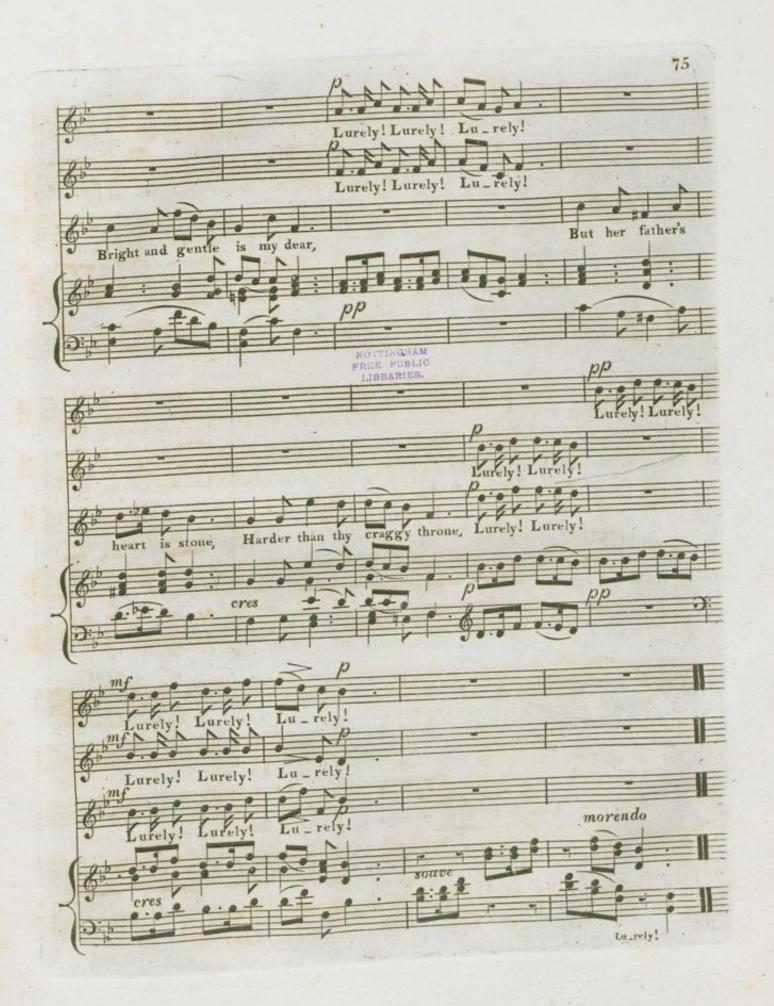


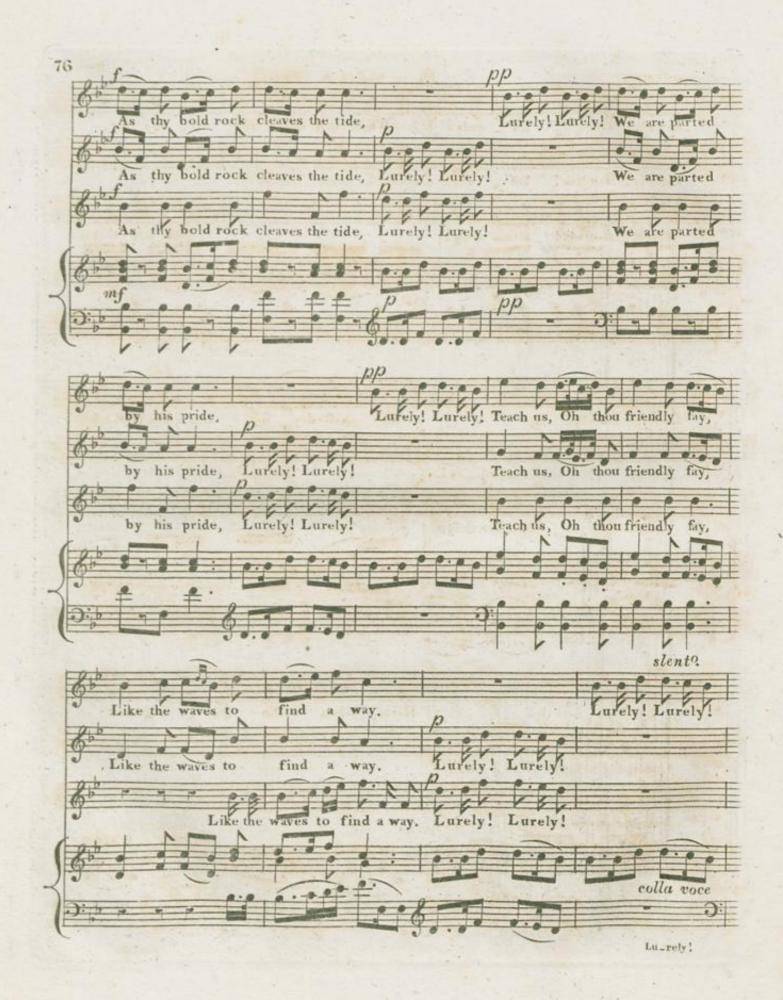


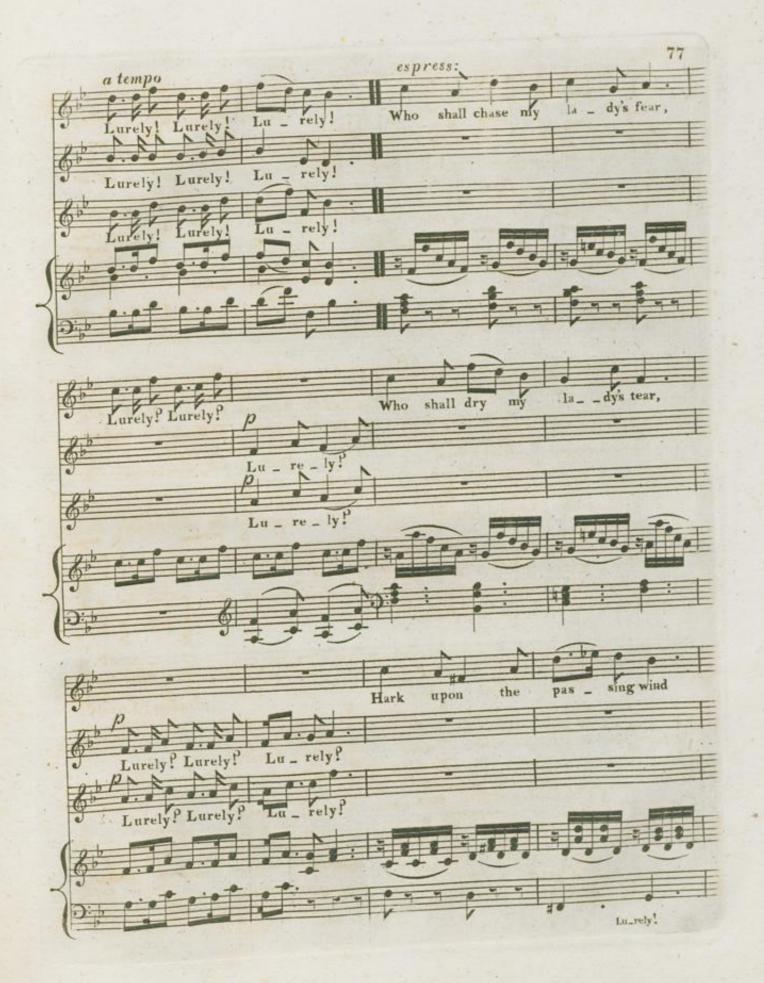


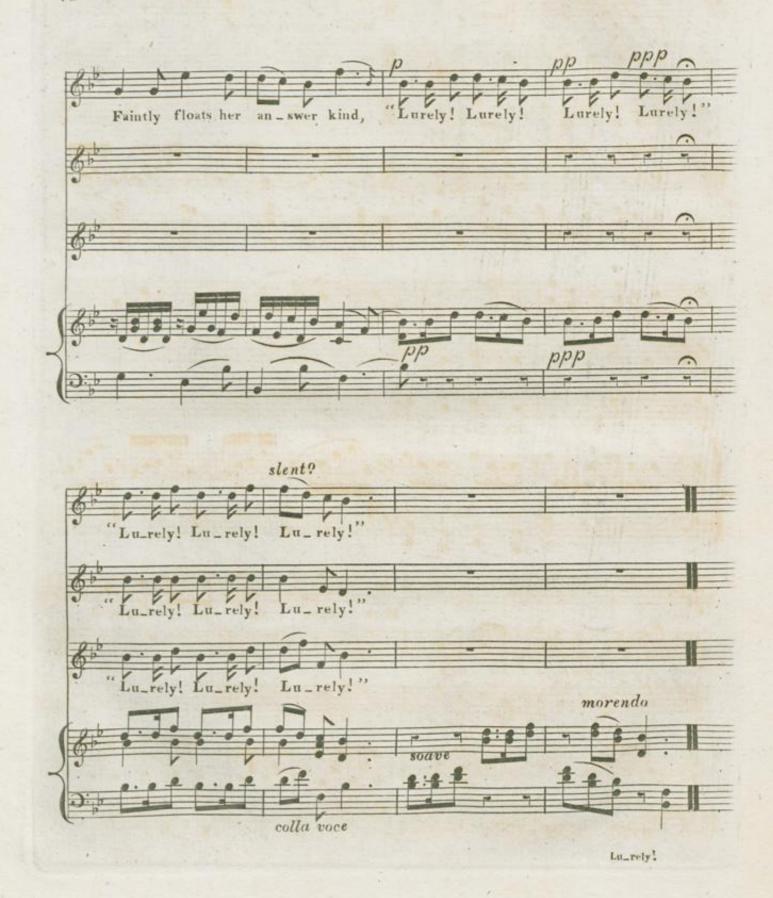


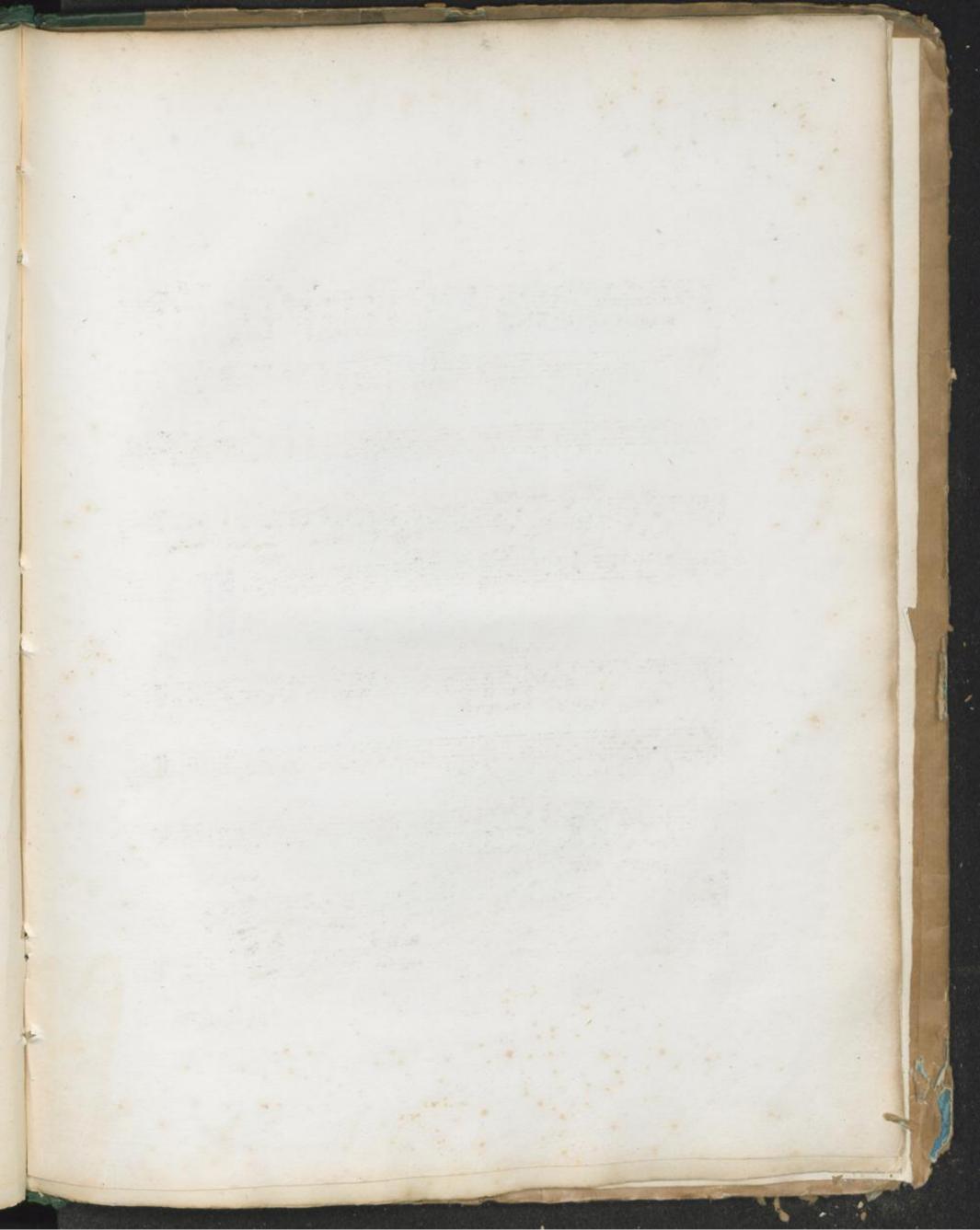














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THE BROTHERS.

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TRADITION informs us, that the two Castles of Liebenstein and Sternfels, or Sternberg, generally known by the name of "Die Bruder," (the Brothers,) were once the property of an old nobleman, who had two sons, and a beautiful ward, of whom the said sons were both desperately enamoured. The elder, however, perceiving that the young lady preferred his brother, nobly resigned his pretensions, and retired to Rhense, to avoid the sight of so dangerous an object. Before the marriage could take place, the banner of the Cross was raised at Frankfort, and the young intended bridegroom, catching the general flame, resolved on joining the crusade and deferring his nuptials till his return from the Holy Land. Neither the prayers of his father, nor the tears of his love, had power to damp this pious but ungallant determination. He assembled his little troop, and joined the Emperor Conrad at Frankfort. Shortly after his departure, the old Burg-grave dying, the elder son returned from Rhense to take possession of his share of the estate; and, far from making use of the advantage which his power, and the absence of his brother gave him, he scrupulously behaved to the young lady as to a beloved sister. Two years had scarcely elapsed, when the crusader arrived from Palestine, bringing with him a beautiful Grecian lady, to whom he was betrothed! Indignant at his perfidy, the elder brother sent him a fierce defiance, and a bloody combat would have ensued but for the tears and entreaties of the forsaken fair one, who took the veil in the noble Convent of Marienberg at Boppart, and saw the brothers no more. The falsehood of the crusader was punished by the frailty of his new love, and the conclusion of the legend may be gathered from the ballad. It is certain that two brothers, Henry Bayer Von Liebenstein, and Henry Bayer Von Boppart Von Sterrenberg, possessed these castles about the middle of the fourteenth century. The dear fair one is said to have been of the family of Bræmser Von Rüdesheim; and John 3d Bræmser founded the Capuchin Convent of Bornhoffen, at the foot of the vine-covered mountain on which the two burgs stand, with the unfortunate lady's estate.

The Brothers.

"Rise up, thou lord of Liebenstein,
Glad tidings thou shalt hear;
Ere morn upon yon waves shall shine,
Thy brother will be near.
He brings with him a Grecian bride,
To grace his mountain hold:
Bid Sternfels ope its portals wide,
And greet its master bold!"

Up rose the lord of Liebenstein
With anger on his brow;
He look'd—as on the rolling Rhine
His ruin'd towers look now!
"Back, varlet, to thy faithless lord,
And bid him shun this strand;
For he will find a brother's sword,
But not a brother's hand!

"Long have I nursed a lovely flower
Upon this mountain fair,
For him,—although 'twas in my power
That flower myself to wear.
And ere in Sternfels' Burg* shall reign
His Grecian leman fine,
These rocks shall redden with the stain
Of his heart's blood or mine!"

To Sternfels, with the morning light,

The false crusader came;

And by his side, on palfrey white,

Was seen his Grecian dame.

Then swords were drawn, and bows were bent,

And pennons stream'd on high,

And trumpets blew, and air was rent

With each loud battle-cry!

St. Mary! 'Twas an awful thing
To see the arrows hail,
And hear the axe and falchion ring
Upon the sounding mail;
And mark the brave who oft had bled
Beneath one banner fair,
By brother against brother led,
In hate and fury there!

Already with the spouting blood
Their wrathful weapons blush'd,
When through the battle's raging flood
A shrieking maiden rush'd!
"Let those who love me, hold!" (she cried)
"And thou, who hast betray'd,
Live happy with thy Grecian bride—
I seek a cloister's shade!

"Take back, false knight! thine olden vow,
And better keep thy new;
Though he who breaketh one, I trow,
To none will e'er be true!
Farewell to both!—It cannot be
As we had never met:
Then mayst thou still remember me—
And thou, full soon forget!"

In Sternfels rang the harp's light sound,
And foam'd the Rhenish wine;
While all was sad and silent round
The Burg of Liebenstein.
But honor, in the house of grief,
Untarnish'd held its place;
While lurk'd in pleasure's rosy leaf
The canker of disgrace.

For O, that Grecian lady gay

Was false as she was fair;

And busy tongues began to say

What husbands must not bear.

Then rage, and shame, and anguish stung

The heart of Sternfels' knight,

And to his sword again he sprung

To venge him as he might!

Ere green again the sunny vine
That garlands all the shore,
The Grecian dame was o'er the Rhine
With some new paramour.
The sainted nun from earth had past;
And, lost in grief their feud,
The brothers dwelt in friendship fast,
But aye in solitude.

They never enter'd court or town,

Nor look'd on woman's face,

But childless to the grave went down,

The last of all their race.

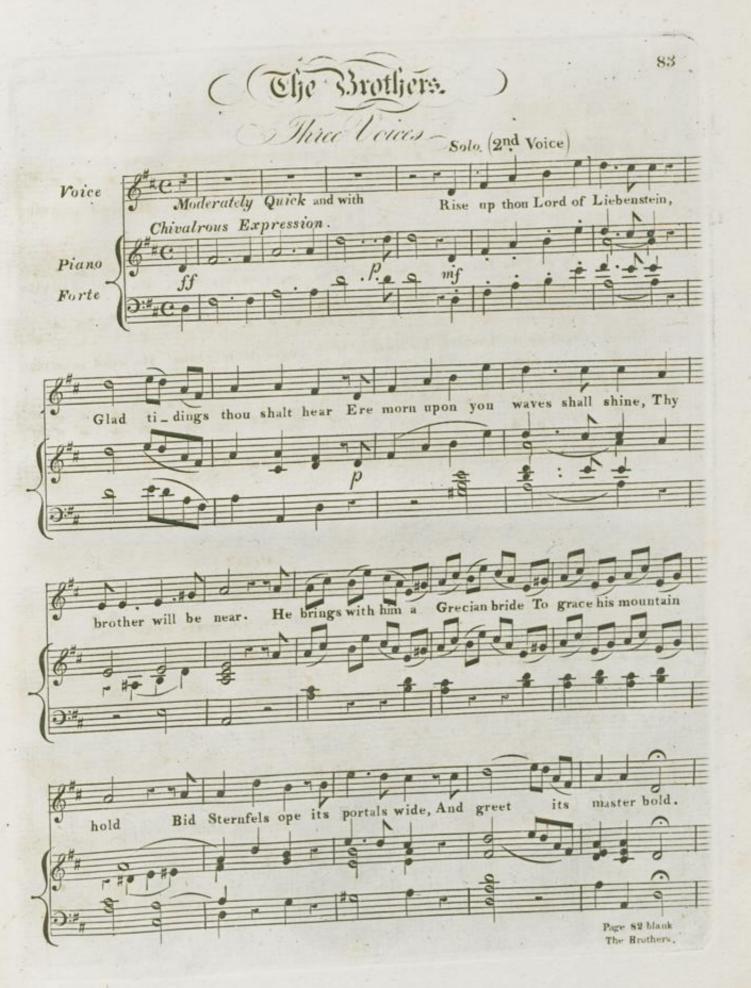
And still upon the mountain fair,

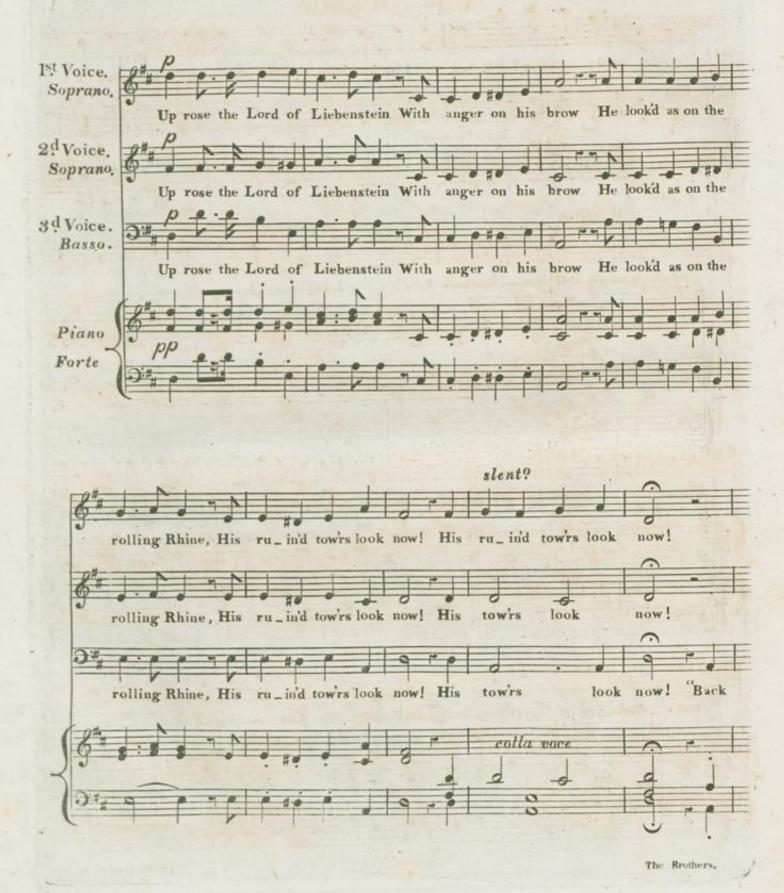
Are seen two castles gray,

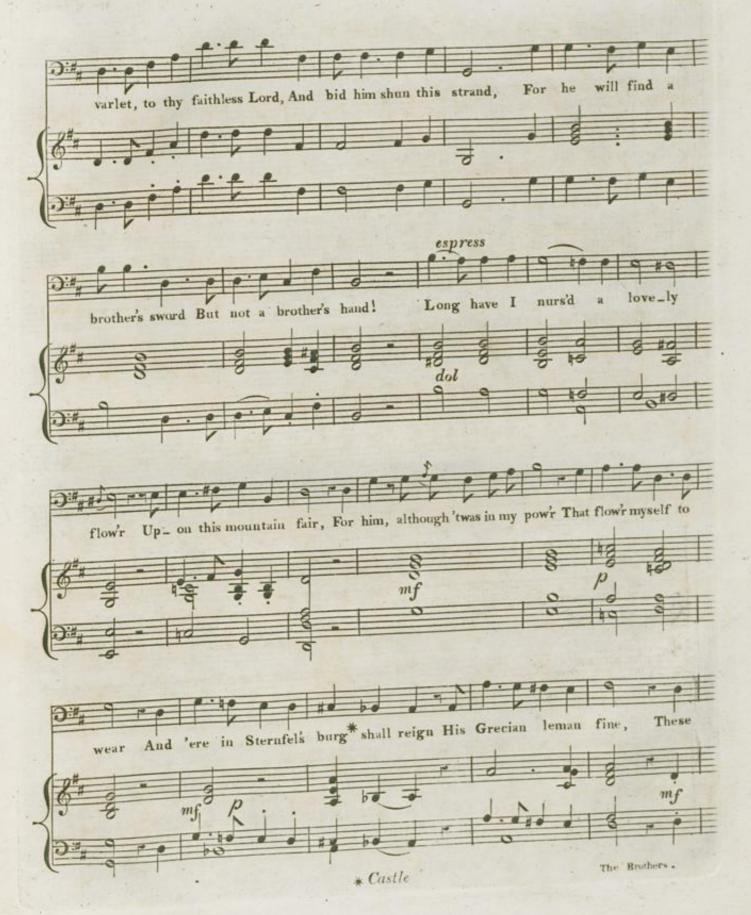
That, like their lords, together there

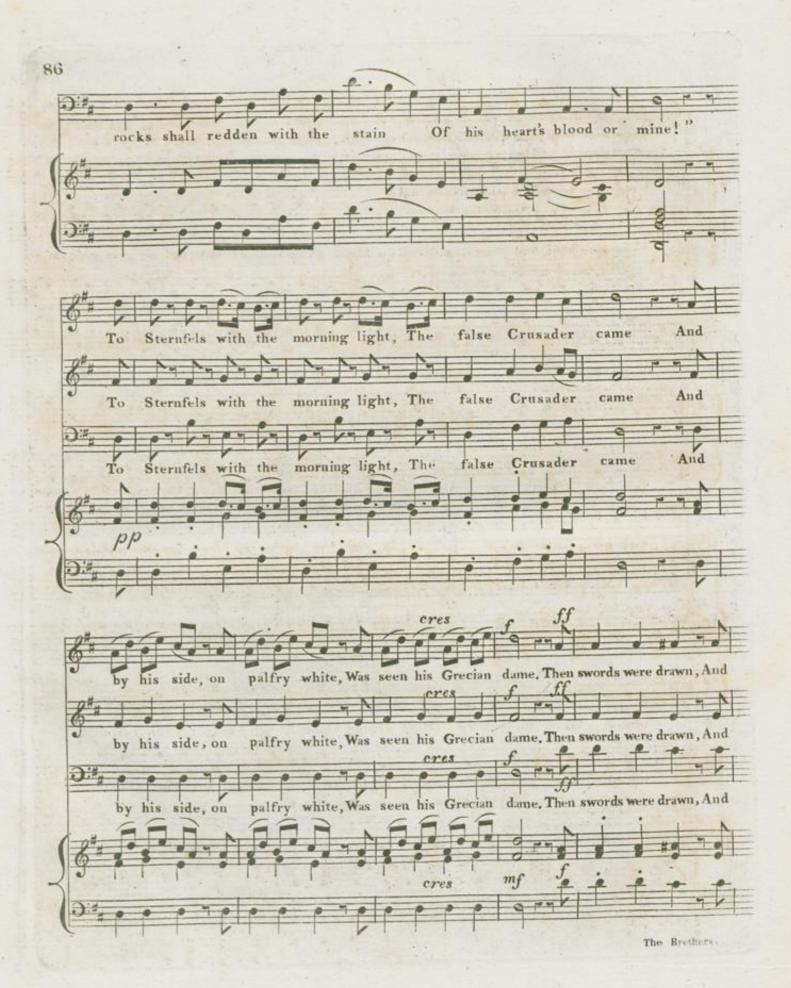
Sink slowly to decay.

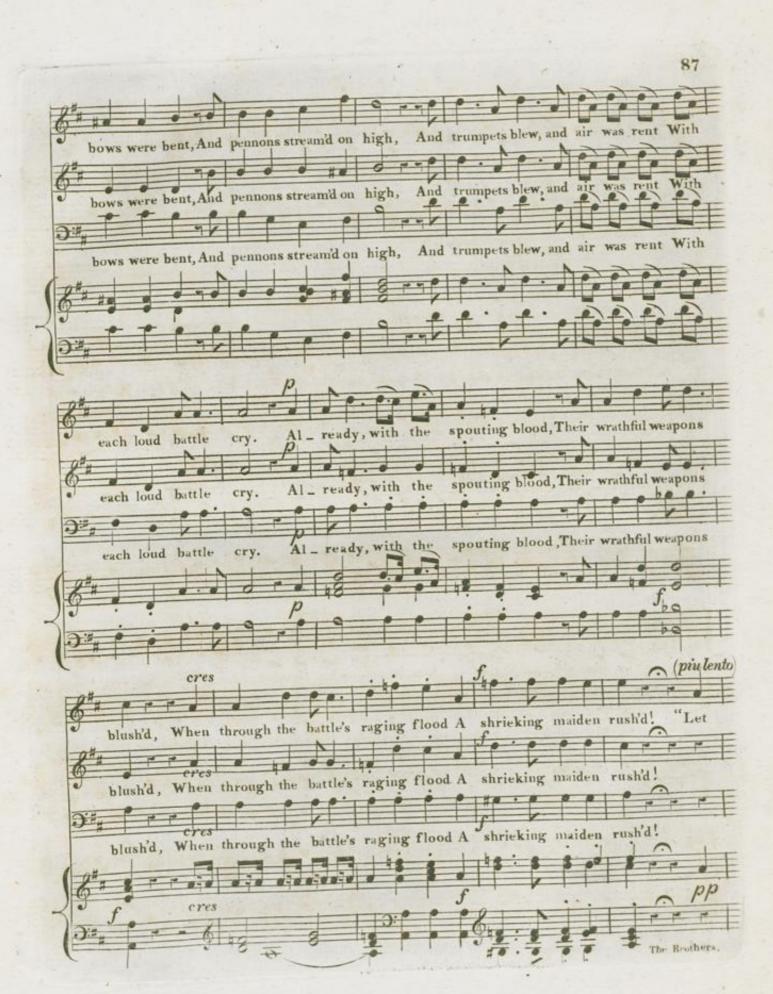
The gust that shakes the tottering stone
On one Burg's battlement,
Upon the other's rampart lone
Hath equal fury spent.
And when through Sternfels' shatter'd wall
The misty moon-beams shine,
Upon the crumbling towers they fall
Of dreary Liebenstein!

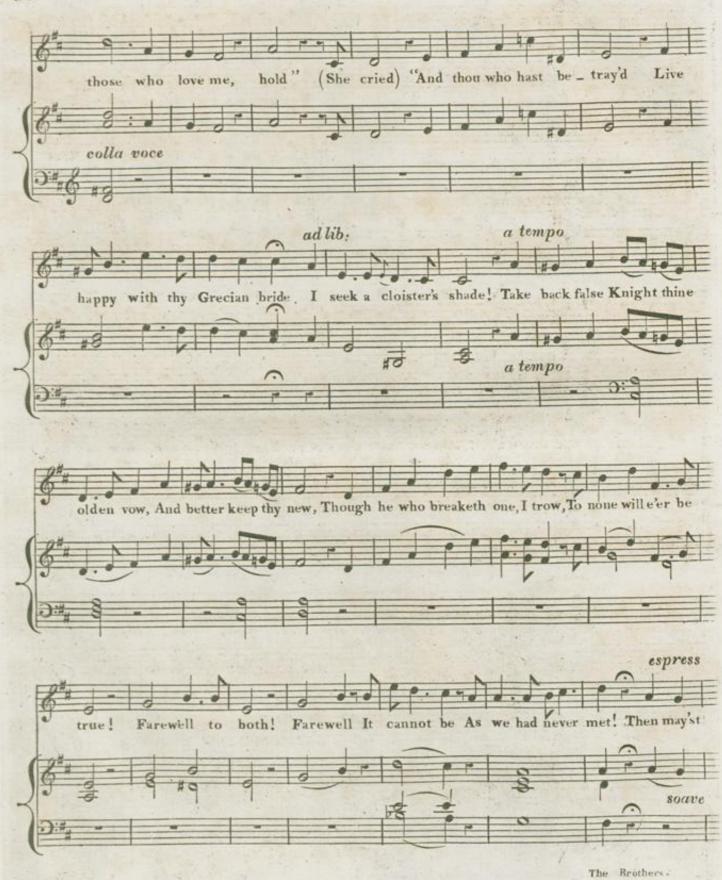


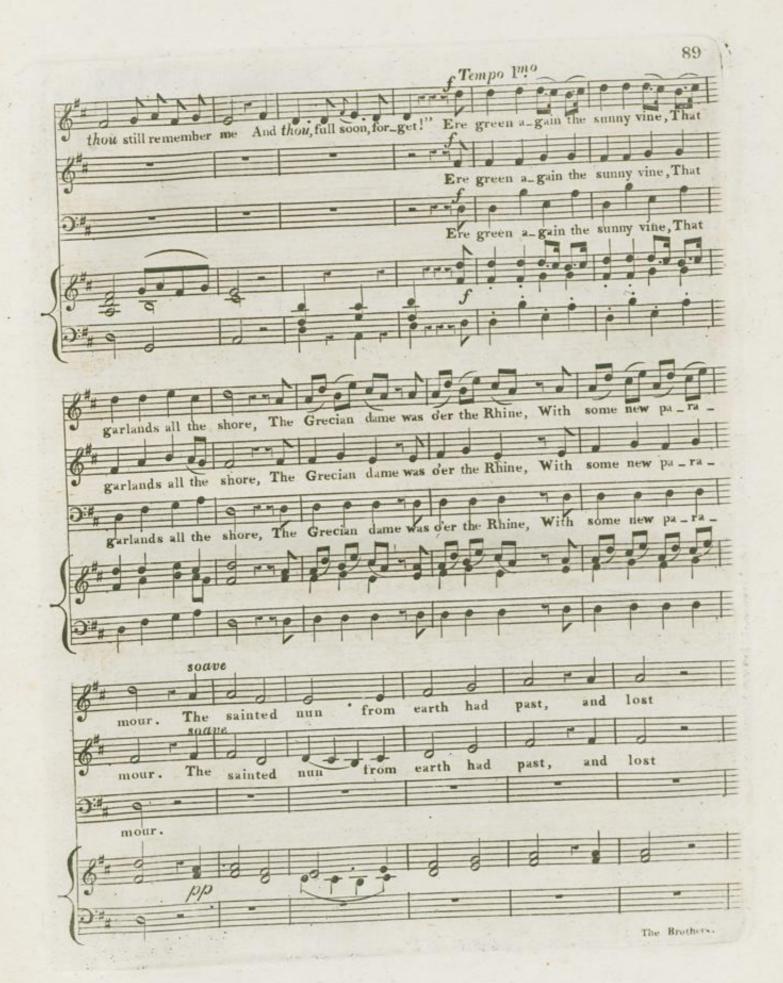


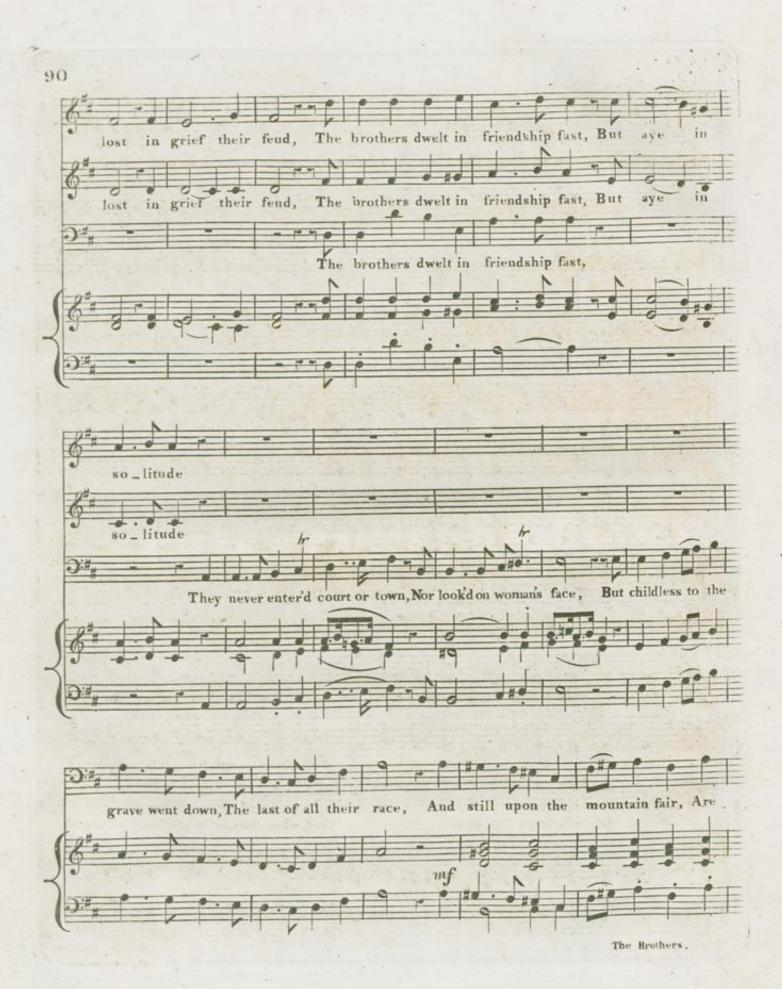


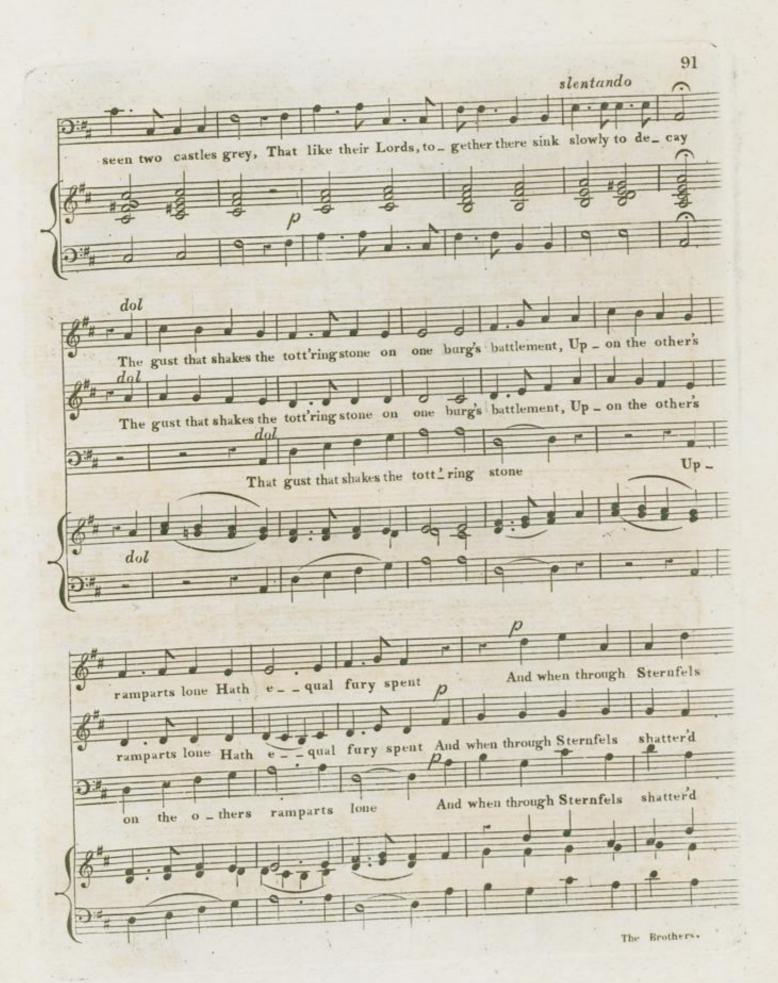


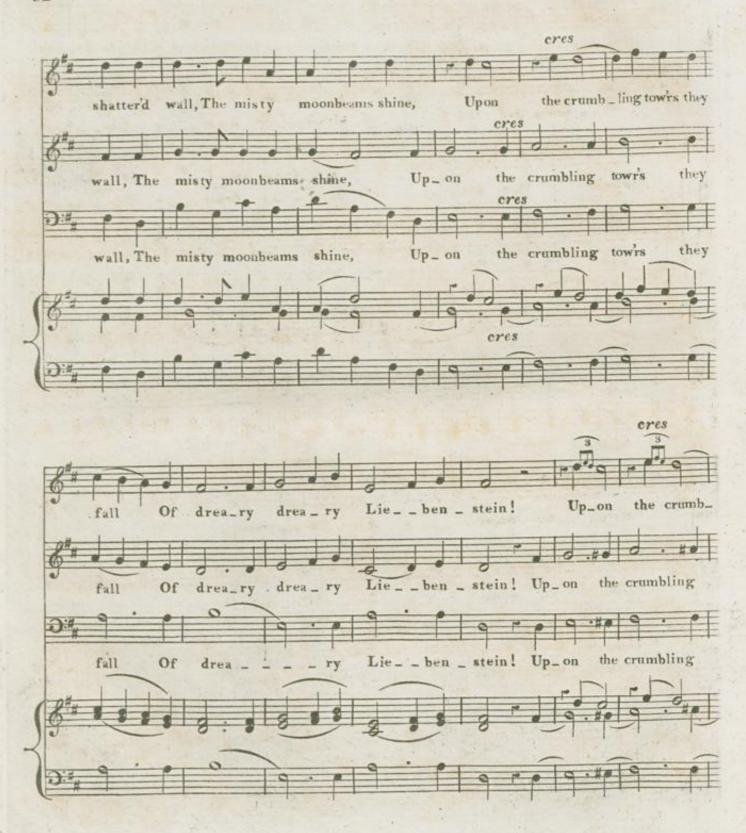




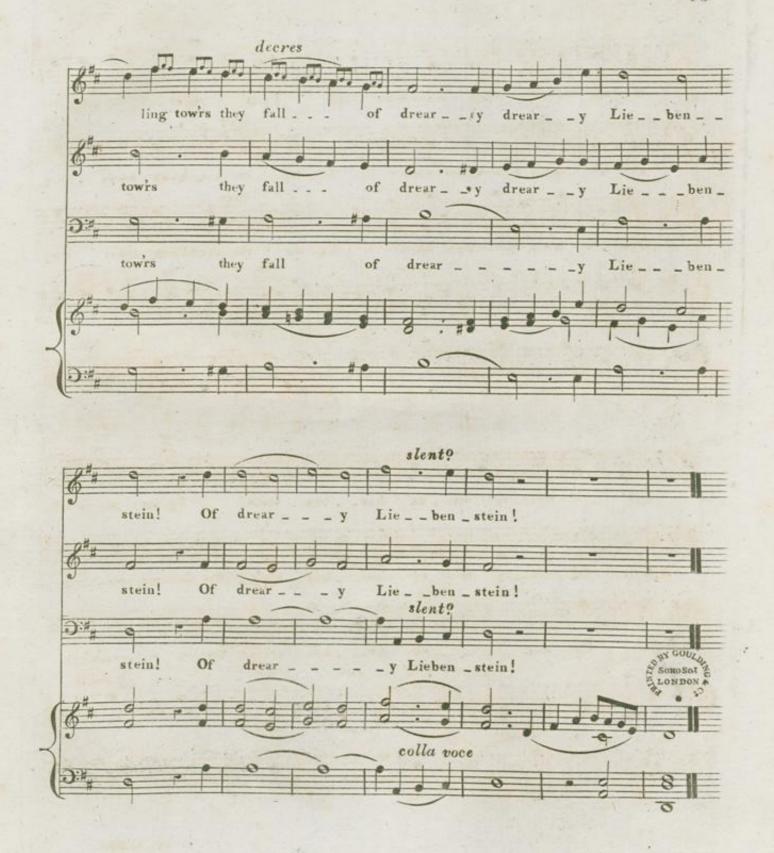








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