I WILL SING UNTO THE LORD.

ANTHEM FROM THE XV. CHAP. OF EXODUS.

















THE GRAVE OF DERMID.

This beautiful and affecting sketch by the late Rev. Charles Wolfe, (the author of the so much admired ode on the death of Sir John Moore,) is extracted from the "Remains" of that highly gifted man, edited hy his early friend the Archdeacon of Clogher. It was designed originally as a characteristic introduction to the well known and admired song, "The Last Rose of Summer," and can scarcely be read by any one without deep and heartfelt emotion. Of the work itself it may justly be said, that every page hears the impress of the powerful and masterly hand of its talented author.

"This is the grave of Dermid! He was the best minstrel amongst us all—a youth of a romantic genius, and of the most tremulous, yet most impetuous feelings. He knew all our old national airs of every character and description. According as his song was in a lofty or a mournful strain, the village represented a camp or a funeral; but if Der-

mid was in a merry mood, the lads and lasses were hurried into the dance with a giddy and irresistible gaiety. One day our chieftain committed a cruel and wanton outrage against one of our peaceful villagers. Dermid's harp was in his hand when he heard it. With all the thoughtlessness and independent sensibility of a poet's imagination, he struck the chords that never spoke without response and the detestation became universal. He was driven from amongst us by our enraged chief; and all his relations, and the maid he loved, attended our banished minstrel into the wide world. For three years there were no tidings of Dermid, and the song and the dance were silent; when one of our little boys came running in, and told us that he saw Dermid approaching at a distance. Instantly the whole village was in commotion; the youths and the maidens assembled in the green, and agreed to celebrate the arrival of the poet with a dance; they fixed upon the air he was to play for CE SEE