

TO MRS HOLLISTER OF BROOKLYN L.I.

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# THE OLD FARM HOUSE.

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*Moderato.*

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4.

Oh the old farm house down be-side the val-ley stream, Where in

*ritard.*

The first line of the song features a vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a *ritardando* marking and a dynamic marking of *p* (piano). The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

child-hood so oft I have played; Ere sor-row had cloud-ed my

The second line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the previous line, providing a harmonic support for the vocal line.

hearts ear-ly dream Or life's purest joys had de-cayed, How

*express.*

The third line of the song concludes the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes an *espressivo* marking. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note accompaniment and chords.

well I re-mem-ber its vine covered roof And the rose bush-es clus-'tring

nigh, And the tall state-ly poplar trees stand-ing a-loof, Whose

tops seem'd to reach to the sky; Oh the old farm house my

*a little slower.*

*colla voce.*

child-hoods happy home.

*p* *f* *ritard*

Oh the old farm house, how I've

sported 'round its hearth With my sis - ters and bro - thers so dear, How

oft has it rung with our in - no - cent mirth; And

hal - low'd our soft evening pray'r, But the old farm house now is

how-ing to de-cay      Its stones like dead friends lie a-part,      But its

dear cherish'd im-age shall ne'er fade a-way From af-fec-tions do-main in my

*colla voce.*

*a little slower.*

heart;      Oh the old farm house my child-hoods happy home.

*p*      *ritard.*      *dim:*