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THE OLD CHURCH



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This Church near Smithfield, Isle of Wight Co. Va. built in the reign of Charles Ist between the years 1620 & 1622.

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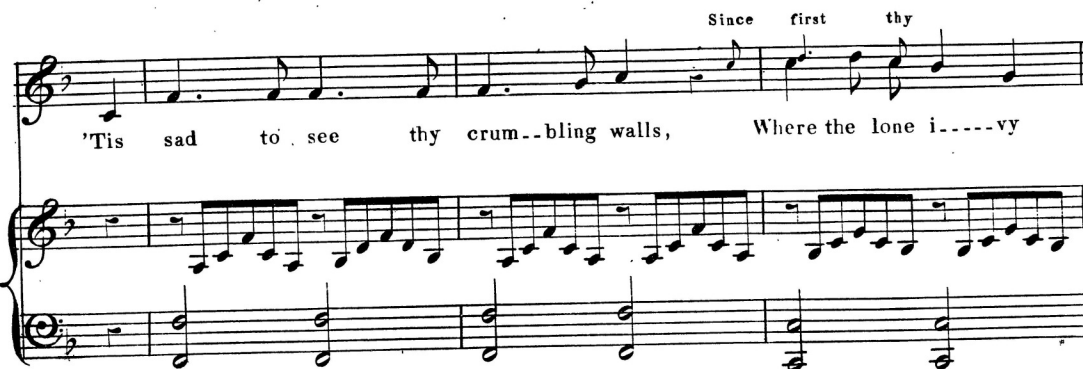
Moderato.

VOICE. 

PIANO. 



Since first thy
'Tis sad to see thy crum--bling walls, Where the lone i-----vy



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twi--neth; Where dus....ky bat to ow.....let calls, And

ghost....ly moon... light shi... neth; Where night wind sighs to

creak...ing vane, And the cold liz...zard creepeth O'er

fal..len door and damp stone floor, Where toad and ad...der sleepeth.

rall:

Old crumbling pile! Old crumbling pile!

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2.

Two hundred years are past and gone,
 Since first thy bell in gladness,
 The forest thrill'd with silvery tone,
 Or pealed its dirge of sadness.
 Since holy Priest in snowy stole;
 First told salvation's story,
 And weeping crowd, in prayer was bow'd,
 And thou seem'd'st filled with glory.
 Old crumbling pile!

3.

They're gone, they're gone thou lonely one,
 The loved, the fondly cherished!
 Some wore the christian victor's smile,
 Some in their young pride perished.
 The loved, and lost ones are at rest,
 Beneath thy shadow sleeping;
 The turf be blest, above each breast,
 Where thou thy watch art keeping!
 Old crumbling pile!