

I LOVED A LASS

FOUR-PART SONG.

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Andante moderato.

SOPRANO. *p* I loved a lass, a fair . . . one, As fair . . . as

ALTO. *p* I loved a lass, a fair one, a fair . . . one, As fair as

TENOR. *p* I loved a lass, a fair . . . one, As fair . . . as

BASS. *p* I loved a lass, a fair . . . one, As

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cres. e'er . . . was seen, She was in - deed . . . a rare . . . one, A sec - ond

cres. e'er . . . was seen, She was in - deed . . . a rare one, . . . A sec - ond

cres. e'er, . . . as e'er . . . was seen, She was a rare . . . one, A sec -

cres. fair . . . as e'er . . . was seen, She was in - deed . . . a rare one, A

cres.

cres.

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She - ba Queen; But fool . . . as then I was, I

She - ba Queen; But fool . . . as then I was, I

ond She - ba Queen; But fool . . . as then I was, I

sec - ond She - ba Queen; But fool . . . as then I was, I

thought . . . she loved . . . me too, . . . But now, a - las, she's

thought she loved me too, . . . But now, a - las, a -

thought . . . she loved me too, . . . But now, a - las, a -

thought . . . she loved me too, . . . But now, a - las, a -

rall. e cres. *Più lento.* *f*

rall.

me, . . . Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo.

las, she's left me, Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo.

las, she's left . . . me, Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo.

las, she's left me, Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo.

dim. *p* *rall.* *p*

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Allegretto. con dolcezza.

Her hair like gold . . . did glis - - - ter, Each eye was

Her hair like gold . . . did glis - - - ter, Each eye was

Her hair . . . like gold . . . did glis - ter, Each eye was

Her hair . . . like gold . . . did glis - ter, Each eye . . . was

Allegretto. p con dolcezza.

like . . . a star, . . . She did sur - pass her sis - - - ter, . . . Which

like . . . a . . . star, She did sur - pass . . . her

like a star, . . . She did sur - pass her sis - - - ter, . . . Which

like . . . a star, . . . She did sur - pass . . . all

cres. mf

passed all o - thers far; . . . Her

sis - - - ter, . . . Which passed all o - thers far; Her cheeks were

passed all o - thers far; . . . Her cheeks were like . . . the

o - thers . . . far; . . . Her cheeks were like the

f mf

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p cres.
 cheeks . . were like . . the cher-ry, Her skin was white as
 like the cher-ry, Her skin . . was white, was white as
 cher-ry, Her skin was white . . as snow, her skin was

f snow, When she . . was blithe and mer-ry, She an-gel-
 snow, When she . . was blithe and mer-ry, She an-gel-
 white as snow, When she . . was blithe and mer-ry, She an-gel-
 When she . . was blithe and mer-ry, She an-gel-

rall.

p Lento. Affettuoso.
 like did show, . . She would me "hon-ey" call, And oh! . . she'd
 like did show, . . She would me "hon-ey" call, And oh! . . she'd
 like did show, . . She would me "hon-ey" call, And oh! . . she'd
 like did show, . . She would me "hon-ey" call, And oh! . . she'd

Lento. Affettuoso.

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mf cres. kiss . . me too, But now, a - las, she's left . . . me, Fa - le - ro, *f rall.*

mf cres. kiss . . me too, But now, a - las, she's left . . . me, Fa - le - ro, *f rall.*

mf cres. kiss . . me too, But now, a - las, she's left . . . me, Fa - le - ro, *f rall.*

mf cres. kiss . . me too, But now, a - las, she's left . . . me, Fa - le - ro, *f rall.*

mf cres. *f rall.*

p le - ro loo. . . To maid - en's vows and swear - ing, Hence - *Tempo lmo.*

p le - ro loo. . . To maid - en's vows and swear - ing, Hence -

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p le - ro loo. . . To maid - en's vows and swear - ing, Hence -

p *Tempo lmo.*

forth . . no cred - it give, You may give them the hear - . *cres.*

forth no cred - it . . give, You . . may give them the hear - ing, . . *cres.*

forth . . no cred - it . . cred - it . . give, You may give them the *cres.*

Hence - forth . . no cred - it . . give, You may give them the *cres.*

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ing, But nev - er, nev - er them be - lieve; They are as false as
 . . . But nev - er, nev - er them be - lieve; They are as
 hear - ing, But nev - er, nev - er them be - lieve; They are . . . as
 hear - ing, But nev - er, nev - er them be - lieve; They are as

fair, . . . Un - con - stant frail, . . . un - true, . . . For mine, a -
 false .. as fair, Un - con - stant, frail, . . . un - true, . . . For mine, a -
 false .. as fair, Un - con - stant, frail, . . . un - true, . . . For mine, a -
 false as fair, Un - con - stant, frail, . . . un - true, . . . For mine, a -

las, hath left .. me, . . . Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo. . .
 - las, hath left me, hath left me, Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo. . .
 - las, a - las, hath left me, Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo. . .
 - las, a - las, hath left me, Fa - le - ro, le - ro loo. . .

f, *p*, *cres.*, *rall.*, *Piu lento.*, *f*, *dim. e rall.*, *pp*, *Molto adagio.*, *ppp*