

O WHO WILL O'ER THE DOWNS SO FREE.

(HICKENSTIRN'S SONG.)

A CHORUS FOR MALE VOICES.

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Moderato.

ALTO.

1st TENOR (Sva. lower).

2nd TENOR (Sva. lower).

BASS.

ACCOMP.

Tempo: $\text{♩} = 112$

Moderato.

O who will o'er the downs so free, O who will with me ride, O
 O who will o'er the downs so free, O who will with me ride, O
 O who will o'er the downs so free, O who will with me ride, O
 O who will o'er the downs so free, O who will with me ride, O

who will up and fol - low me, To win a bloom-ing bride? Her
 who will up and fol - low me, To win a bloom-ing bride? Her
 who will up and fol - low me, To win a bloom-ing bride? Her
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NOTE.—The words of this song are written in allusion to an event supposed to have taken place in the neighbourhood of Winterborne, in Gloucestershire. One Hickenstirn (or Hickery Stirn, as he is called by the common people), who lies buried in the church there, is said to have been a knight who lived by pillage. He fell in love with a neighbour's daughter—won her affections—was refused by her parents; but with the assistance of his friends carried her off from her father's house. Such events were not uncommon in the middle ages.

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cres.

fa - ther he has lock'd the door, Her mo - ther keeps the key; But

fa - ther he has lock'd the door, Her mo - ther keeps the key; But

fa - ther he has lock'd the door, Her mo - ther keeps the key; But

fa - ther he has lock'd the door, Her mo - ther keeps the key; But

rit.

nei - ther door nor bolt shall part My own true love from me!

nei - ther door nor bolt shall part My own true love from me!

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nei - ther door nor bolt shall part My own true love from me!

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The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the voice, starting with a dynamic of *p*. The lyrics are:

I saw her bow'r at twi - light grey, 'Twas guard - ed safe and sure, I
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I saw her bow'r at twi - light grey, 'Twas guard - ed safe and sure, I
I saw her bow'r at twi - light grey, 'Twas guard - ed safe and sure, I

The bottom staff is for the piano, providing harmonic support. The dynamic changes to *cres.* in the third section. The piano part continues throughout the piece.

The second section begins with a dynamic of *f*. The lyrics are:

saw her bow'r at break of day, 'Twas guard - ed 'then no more! The
saw her bow'r at break of day, 'Twas guard - ed then no more! The
saw her bow'r at break of day, 'Twas guard - ed then no more! The
saw her bow'r at break of day, 'Twas guard - ed then no more! The

The piano part continues with a dynamic of *p*.

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A musical score for a voice and piano. The vocal part is in soprano clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The music consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics repeat three times: "var - lets they were all a - sleep, And none was near to see The". The piano part includes harmonic changes and dynamic markings like "cres." (crescendo) and "rit." (ritardando). The vocal line is mostly eighth notes with some sixteenth-note patterns.

cres.
var - lets they were all a - sleep, And none was near to see The
cres.
var - lets they were all a - sleep, And none was near to see The
cres.
var - lets they were all a - sleep, And none was near to see The
cres.
var - lets they were all a - sleep, And none was near to see The

A continuation of the musical score. It starts with a ritardando ("rit.") over three staves of music. The lyrics are: "greet - ing fair that pass - ed there Be - tween my love and me.". This is followed by two more staves of music with the same lyrics, also with a ritardando. The piano part features sustained chords and harmonic progressions. The vocal line follows the piano's harmonic lead.

rit.
greet - ing fair that pass - ed there Be - tween my love and me.
greet - ing fair that pass - ed there Be - tween my love and me.
greet - ing fair that pass - ed there Be - tween my love and me.

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The musical score consists of four systems of music. The top system has three staves of vocal music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics for this section are:

I pro - mis'd her to come at night, With com - rades brave and true, A
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 I pro - mis'd her to come at night, With com - rades brave and true, A

A brace groups the first three staves, and a repeat sign with a 'D' is placed above the fourth staff.

The second system continues the vocal parts with the same lyrics, followed by a basso continuo staff with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp.

The third system begins with the basso continuo staff, followed by the vocal parts:

gal - lant band with sword in hand To break her pri - son through: I
 gal - lant band with sword in hand To break her pri - son through: I
 gal - lant band with sword in hand To break her pri - son through: I
 gal - lant band with sword in hand To break her pri - son through: I

A brace groups the first three staves, and a repeat sign with a 'pp' dynamic is placed above the fourth staff.

The fourth system begins with the basso continuo staff, followed by the vocal parts:

pro - mis'd her to come at night, She's wait - ing now for me, And
 pro - mis'd her to come at night, She's wait - ing now for me, And
 pro - mis'd her to come at night, She's wait - ing now for me, And
 pro - mis'd her to come at night, She's wait - ing now for me, And

Crescendo markings ('cres.') are placed above the final two staves of the vocal parts.

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The musical score consists of two systems of music. The top system starts with a treble clef, common time, and a key signature of A major (no sharps or flats). It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes several slurs and grace notes. The piano part has a steady harmonic base with occasional chords. The lyrics repeat three times: "ere the dawn of morn - ing light, I'll set my true love free, And". The fourth repetition ends with a forte dynamic (ff) and a fermata over the note. The bottom system continues with the same key signature and instrumentation. The lyrics repeat three times: "ere the dawn of morn - ing light, I'll set my true love free!". Each repetition is preceded by a ritardando (rit.) instruction. The score concludes with a final forte dynamic (ff) and a fermata over the note.

N.B.—Published also in the key of F, for Treble, Alto, Tenor and Bass.