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# SHAKSPEART'S DRAMATIC SONGS. 

## VOL. II.

## INTRODUCTION.

IN presenting the second volume of the Dramatic Songs of Simasspeane to the Public, and which completes the series, the Author has to apologize for the errata which will be found in many of the impressions of the first volume; and which, though they are obvious, andimmediately to be seen and corrected by those who have the slightest knowledge of music, yet he regrets that they should have appeared at all, and can only excuse himself by pleading his inexperience in correcting proofimpressions, so as to be distinctly understood by the engraver.-In the last fifty copies which have been struck off, every error he believes has been rectified; and, for the satisfaction of such of his friends, and the Public, who may have done him the honor of being forenost in the list of purchasers, a correct list of errata will be found at the end of the present Introduction, together with the alterations.-He can confidently vouch for the correctness of the second volume, in which he trusts there will not be found a single mistake, and certainly not one of consequence.

Having, he hopes, sufficiently explained, in the Introduction to his first volume, the object of his undertaking, the Author does not consider it necessary to resume the subject further in the second, than to confess his obligations to those gentlemen who have so ably, and so liberally spoken of, and reviewed the first :-to the European Magazine, the Monthly Review, and Ackerman's Repository,-The review of it in the European Magazines for the months of August, September, and October last, is evidently the production of a musician of the first order, in the justice of whose criticisms the Author has great pleasure in testifying his cordial concurrence, and in thanking him for the various alterations his better judgment has suggested, and the errors he has pointed out-he will find that they have all been attended to in his list of errata. The examination of the volume in the Monthly Review, and in Ackerman's Repository; is confined to the month of October.-The former mentions it only in general terms, but in terms very creditable to the Work, and in such as are the result of a liberal and impartial investigation.-The Author, however, begs to submit a reply to the following observation:-" Perhaps, in respect of science, and an acquaintance with the secrets of fine composition, mas"ters might be pointed out more highly qualified for such a task." Without presuming to dispute the entire justness of this remark, he has only to observe, that in the construction of vocal harmonies, there is by no means a large field open for the display of science:-instruments are able to produce extraordinary effects in the hands of an ingenious musician, by his employing them in all the mazes of abstruse modulation; but voices are not so capable of hitting difficult distances, and obeying those sudden and unexpected transitions of the key, which comprehends, he conceives, those "secrets of fine composition" the Reviewer alludes to. The Author in conformity to the rule he has chalked out for himself, of simplifying as much as possible the style of his music, has been careful of avoiding all very bold and extraneous harmonies, which, however delightful they may be to the partizans of Beethoven, could, in no one instance, be consistently connected with that pure and steady flow of modulation which characterizes the old English school-to that steady flow, and that only, he has invariably adhered.

The Repository of Arts and Literature has spoken of the Work, also, in very handsome terms, and the Author is gratified to observe that those pieces, " O mistress mine," and the dirge in "Much a Ado about

Nothing," which were so flatteringly noticed by the ingenious Reviewer in the European Magazine, have also been pointed out, with particular approbation, in Mr. Ackerman's entertaining work.

The Author, to preserve the uniformity of his Work, has not classed the tragedy of Macbeth with the other plays of Suakspeare, in which he has interspersed occasional songs, \&c.: because it is not possible to ascertain whether even the few words which he has introduced in it: viz. "Black Spirits and White," \&c. be his own, or not.-Such a play, however, and with such exquisite music attached to it, he could not bear to pass over in neglect, particularly as there are some points both in regard to the words and the music, which call for elucidation, and are certainly worth examining.

To begin with the music.-It will be found as an appendix at the end of the Work, newly arranged, with a piano-forte accompaniment, by the Author's friend, Mr. Samuel Wesley, and executed with his usual science, taste, and judgment.-Mr. W. has, without disturbing the original harmonies and melodies, by omissions or alterations, enriched them, where he could with propriety, with a fanciful accompaniment; confining the chorusses to two sopranos and a bass, foi the more general facility of the performance, and in conformity to the rule from which the Author has not deviated in the arrangement of the other chorusses contained in the Shakspeare volumes. In one instance only, at the Author's suggestion, has Mr. S. Wesley varied a little from the haimony which has been received as Matthew Locke's; but, as it is the way in which it has been invariably performed at the theatres, and as the effect produced by it is infinitely more solemn and effective, the alteration will not, he trusts, be objected to.-The altered bars are from the third to the conclusion of the last slow chorus "Put in all these;" and the transition into A major, and then into $\mathbf{D}$ minor, is worthy of Purcell, and is indeed. exactly as Purcell might be supposed to give musical utterance to the sentiment. "Tiffin Tiffin" is usually sung as a recitative: Mr. Wesley, by the judicious accompaniment he has added, has certainly rendered the melody more effective.-The Author's best thanks are due to him, for having rendered this essential service in furtherance of an undertaking so arduous as in every stage he has found it.

Now in regard to this charming music, a great doubt must always remain on the minds of musical researchers, whether Matthew Locke was, or was not the composer. -The late Doctor Hayes of Oxford was of opinion that the music was not Locke's; and many have been inclined to ascribe it to Purcell: in the Author's humble opinion it is much too modern for either composer; but, independantly of this circumstance, the style of it, though possessing abundance of characteristic wildness, is very unlike the wildness of Purcell.The airs ascribed to Locke are airy, tripping, and confined (as to harmony) to very simple combinations, in one intance only, with a change of key, from $F$ to $B$ b. Purcell would have been as airy and as wild, but his. harmonic transitions would have been constant, and strangely varied-his style would have been graver-his melodies, though perhaps not sweeter, would have been more appallingly characteristic: those who are sufficiently acquainted with his Indian Queen, and particularly with a much earlier production, viz. Dido and Eneas, which he composed when only seventeen years of age, will be satisfied that he could have had no concern in the present work.

Putting Purcell, therefore, out of the question, and with no evidence whatever of Matthew Locke's claim to this fine music, it will be necessary to go back to a much later period, and examine a very curious and ingenious manuscript work of John Eccles, a name well known to all lovers of the old English school of vocal harmony, and which is affixed to the " original music of Macbeth." The late Doctor Burney says of Eccles, that he "never saw any composition of his in which there was not something original." The Author has attentively examined two manuscript scores of this music, one in the possession of Mr. Bartleman ; the other of Mr. Windsor of Bath : of the former gentleman's talents and research it were quite superfluous to speak; Mr. Windsor is also an excellent musician, whose pretensions, certainly in the present day, rank in the highest class, both as a theorist and a practitioner. These manuscripts both correspond: the only difference is, that to Mr. Windsor's copy Eccles's name appears as the author ; to Mr. Bartleman's no name is prefixed, but it may be satisfactory to remark, that in this copy the names of the original performers appear to the part
assigned to each, a circumstance which proves beyond all doubt, that the music either was, or was intended to be introduced at some period when the play of Macbeth was represented on the stage.-The gentlemer performers were


The ladies were
Mrs. Willis
and
Mrs. Hodgson.
Now after a very careful perusal of this music of Eccles's, and adverting to all circumstance respecting it; the Author has no hesitation in offering it as his opinion, that it was the original music, and that what has been, and still is received as Locke's, is a very skilful and ingenious compressment of various parts of it, with, here and there a new melody.-It is scarcely possible for-any person in the least conversant with vocal effects to conceive that so sweet a melodist as Eccles, could have seen the music in Macbeth as we have it at present, and present his own afterwards as an alteration for the better;--but why might he not have been the compressor of his own original music, and adapted it sulsequently for dramatic representation? On examining and playing over Eccles's Macbeth music, and comparing it with Locke's, even a cliid with a good ear would remark the similarity, both as to conception and execution; and the recitative dialogue, "Here's the Blood of a Bat"the chorus, "Nimbly, nimbly"-the introduction to the acts, \&c. \&c. are, in the Author's opinion, evidently the original thoughts upon which the compiler and arranger of the present music has certainly iuproved. The whole of Eccles's music bears the mark of higher antiquity than Locke's; yet Locke was a much earlier writer: the rational inference, therefore, to draw from these facts, is, that Matthew Locke could not have been the composer of the music in Macbeth, as it now stands; but, that John Eccles might, and probably did, at a later period of his life, revise his own music. But there is another circumstance, which has in a great degree tended to invalidate Locke's pretensions.--Why are there not more of this Author's compositions in the same, or in a similar airy and fanciful style?-There is nothing extant, besides, of the kind; and in the sacred music which bears his name, though there are fine passages, and he preserves in general a pure ecclesiastical gravity, there is nothing very remarkable either in invention or construction.-Now where is there another instance in musical history of a composer possessing such exquisite fancy and judgment, as are displayed in the music in Macbeth, confining himself to one solitary specimen of his genius?.

However the Public and the defenders of Matthew Locke may decide in future, in regard to his claim, the Author has felt it his duty, in a work such as the present, to lay such information as he has been able to collect on' the subject before them.

In the investigation of the words to which the music has been set, an inquiry will be no less curious.-The only words which our great Bard has introduced, are
"Black Spirits and white,
"Blue Spirits and grey," \&c. Sc.

- And these are probably only a quotation.--The poetry, for the most part, appears to lave been selected by Davenant from The Witch, a tragi-comedy, written by Thomas Middleton, a dramatic writer, contemporary with Sharspeare, with whom he was probably on intimate and confidential terms; and it is pretty evident, on perusal of the same, that it was either a weak outline, which our Bard afterwards so sublimely filled up, or that it,was a meagre imitation of the original Macbeth.-The Author is inclined to think the former; for he
cannot suppose that, after perusing such a play, any man in his senses would have the temerity, or rather the stupidity, of stealing from it, with any hope of escaping detection, and, consequently, derision. It is generally thought that 'Titus Andronicus, Pericles, Love's Labour's Lost, All's Well that Ends Well, \&c. shouid not be classed with such plays as Macbeth, Lear, Othello, As You Like It, and Twelfth Night, \&c. \&c. on the ground of their only bearing, here and there, the stamp of the great writer; and, doubtless, if Sha rspeare condescended to apply the magic of his pen to the works of others, he would not be above borrowing an original thought from them in return, especially when he saw such an ample field for improvement, as in the present instance.-Wherever the plagiarism may be, certain it is, that the introduction of Hecate and her infernal crew in the play of The Witch-the language of the incantation over the caldron, exclusively of the poetry to which the music has been so characteristically applied, bear the most striking resemblance to the scenes of Macbeth, as will appear by the following quotation, verbatim, from Middleton's play.

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* Enter Hecate with other Witches (woith properties and Habits filting.)
    Hec. Titty and Tiffin, Suckin
    And Pidgen, Laird and Robin-
    White Spirits, black Spirits, red Spiritts,
        Why Hoppo and Stadlin-Hellwyn and Prickle-
    Stad. Sweating at the Vessel-
    -Hec. Boyle it well-
    Hop. It gallops now-
    Hec. Are the flames blue enough ?
        Or shall I use a little seeten more?"
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Shaispeare is no where more sublime than when he makes Macbeth fancy what may be the terrible consequences of the witches' incantations.-He says-
" Though you untie the winds, and let them fight
Against the churches; though the yesty waves
Confound and swallow navigation up;
Though bladed corn be lodg'd, and trees blown down;
Though castles topple on their warders' heads;
Though palaces and pyramids, do slope
Their heads to the foundations; though the treasure
Of Nature's germins tumble all-together, Even 'till destruction sicken, answer me To what I ask you." -

Hecate, in The Witch, speaking of her own power, is scarcely less terrific.--

> "Hec. Can you doubtme, then, daughter?
> That can make mountains tremble, miles of woods walk, Whole Earth's foundation bellow, and the spiritts
> Of the entomb'd to burst out from their marbles;-
> Nay, draw yond moone to my envolv'd designs?"

Surely here is a very strong similarity both in regard to the thoughts and the expressions.-There is a gieat obscurity in the passage " miles of woods walk"; yet the Author did not peruse it, the first time, without instantly recurring to the fiend in Macbeth, that lies like truth.-

[^0]Macbeth was published in 1606.-The Witch was republished by I. Nichols in the year 1778; and it is singular, that he should have omitted the original date, and not a syllable respecting the Author, or any correspondence whatever, which he might have had with Shakspeare, though the strong similarity between the two plays must necessarily have struck him.-All that we have, is a little curious dedication of it "To the " truly worthie and generously-affected Thomas Holmes, Esquire."

The Author feels it incumbent upon him publicly to acknowledge his obligations to Sir George Smart, conductor of the oratorios performed at Drury-lane Theatre, for the introduction of the ode in the Merchant of Venice during the last night's performance, and to those ladies and gentlemen who did it such ample justice.-To Mr. Loder too, of Bath, he feels greatly obliged for the performance of the dirge in Much Ado about Nothing on the stage, there, in a style, and with an attention to the performance highly gratifying to his feelings.-The music will assuredly be always better understood and felt when heard at the proper time, the proper place, and in character; and he ventures still to hope, though the introduction of it has hitherto been delayed, that the sub-committee of Drury-lane, and the proprietors of Covent-garden Theatres will not be unmindful of their promise to him, to give it that best of all trials on their stages, as future opportunities may present themselves.

Lastly-To Mr. Samuel Wesley the Author can never sufficiently acknowledge his obligations.-He may perhaps be allowed to boast of some little pretension to hereditary musical invention, and he can conscientiously affirm that he has not, to his knowledge, encroached upon any composer's right in the pieces to which his own name is prefixed;-he repeats to his knowledge, because, as Mr. Sheridan elegantly expresses it," faded ideas" will sometimes "float on the fancy like half-forgotten dreams:" but, to return,-if any praise be due to him for the management of his modulations, and their classical correctness, he feels that he ought to share it with the friend he has had the pleasure to mention, from whose general conversation, not only on musical, but other subjects, he has for many years reaped both profit and pleasure.

In taking leave of his frieuds and the public, the Author acknowledges, with gratitude, the support which has hitherto been given to him, and hopes that the present volume will not be found less deserving of their approbation than the first; he has spared no pains in providing suitable compositions, and though his own productions still occupy the greatest space, yet it has not been from any want of exertion in his endeavours to collect the appropriate music of other, and far better musicians.

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## ERRATA IN THE FIRST VOLUME.

Page 7, bar 7th, a $\ddagger$ wanted to the $A$ in the piano-forte treble.-Page 15, 5 th bar, the $A$ in the piano-forte treble to be omitted.-Page 18, 14th bar, 3d crotchet in the upper bass to be $\mathrm{C}_{\#}^{\#}$.-Page 19, 3d bar, two 1st crotchets in the bass to beD F: 9 th bar, a a to be added to the $F$ in the bass.-Page 20 , 8 th bar, the 1st $A$ in the bass to be at the top: 5 th bar, the upper treble wants the \# and $\mathfrak{h}$ : 6 th bar, the $\mathrm{C} \#$ and $\mathbf{D}$ in the under piano-forte treble to be omitted.-Page 23,9 th bar, the two 1 st quavers in the piano-forte treble to be $\mathbf{D}$ and $\mathbf{B}$.Page 26, Sth bar, the 3d and 4th quavers in the piano-forte treble must be A and G.-Page 27, 2d bar, the 1st and 3d crotchets in the bass to be F: 27th bar; a t wanted to the A in the piano-forte treble.-Page 28, 11 th bar, 3 d quaver in the piano-forte treble must be B. - Page 29, 6th bar, a 4 wanted to the B in the piano-forte treble.- Page 31, 5th bar, the last quaver in the bass must be G.-Page 32, 8th bar, the voice note should be E.- Page 37, 4th bar, the 7th quaver in the bass to be marked 4 ; and in the 12 ih bar the $B$ in the bass b.-Page 40, 13th bar, the first chord in the piano-forte treble to be C below E, F, and A. - Page 48 , 6th bar, the D in the piano-forte treble marked H. - Page 61 , ist bar, the two last quavers in the piano-forte treble to be $D$ and $F$. - Page 62 , the $A$ in the vocal bass must be b. Page 63, 9 d bar, the E in the vocal bass must be b . - Page 68, bar 1st, the lowest of the two 1st quavers in the piano-forte treble to be A and G.-Page 70, 7th bar, the last quaver in the bass to be A; and the last crotchet in the 14th bar to be $\mathbf{C}$ above, instead of below. Page 74, 11 th bar, the words must be added to the vocal bass.- Page 75, 2d bar, the quaver note shivuld be continued on the $F$ above and sink to the octave in the succeeding bar: the $B$ in the second treble of the $3 d$ bar marked $\mathfrak{q}$.
N. B. The Errata, as above, have already been corrected in the greater part of the copies sold.

## OBSERVATIONS.

## AS YOU LIKE IT.

IN this charming play of our immortal bard, he has introduced several songs, two of which have been delightfully set by the late Dr. Arne, and are introduced of course, in the present Collection. Of both these pieces the doctor has omitted to notice some of the words; a circumstance greatly to be regretted; and difficult to be accounted for. The first song, "Under the Greenwood Tree" is, in the play, followed by a chorus "Who doth Ambition shun," which could not so well have been sung to the opening strain, but how easily, and with what superior characteristic effect could he not have proceeded with the chorus in question? The Author, in his humble attempt to supply this omission, has adhered as closely as possible to Arne's original conception in the introductory air, as he has also done in the quick movement to the second song "Blow blow thou Winter wind," than which, a more exquisitely tender and elegant nelody, or one more expressive of the poet's sentiment, was never imagined by man. Why he did not go on with the pretty fanciful burthen "Heigho! the Holly" is still more unaccountable than the first omission, because the relief from the nonpathetic to a more spirited strain appears so obvious. There is another song of Arne's usually introduced when this play is performed, which begins "Then is there Mirth in Heaven,"-but the words are not Suakspeare's, neither does the tune bear any comparision with the pastoral airiness and originality of the former pieces.

Mr. Stevens bas been eminently successful in his glee to the words "It was a Lover and his Lass;" but for the two pages in the way they are supposed to sing in alternate measure to Touchstone, something new and characteristic was required. The glee is, the Author believes, for six, certainly for not less than five, voices, and so perfect of its kind, that any attempt at curtailment or compressment would have been deservedly reprobated. It is with the greatest satisfaction that he has been able to introduce Mr. Stafford Smith's sprightly glee of "What shall he have that killed the deer?" adding only the symphonies and accompaniments and arranging it in three parts for the accommodation of soprano voices.

The ingenious composer will not, he trusts, find that in so doing the Author has omitted a single passage in the original, or disturbed or enfeebled his harmonies; the only liberty he has taken with it which may be thought of any consequence, though he hopes not deserving of very severe censure, is the introduction of a strain to some words which, whether by accident or design, Mr. Smith has not taken any notice of-these are

> "Then sing him Home."

It is certainly difficult to conceive why they were omitted; if they were, designedly so, as they are surely as strikingly characteristic as any in the whole song. It is a very animated composition, and still deservedly popular.

The Author takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. Caulfield for the loan of Hymen's song in the last act, as set by T. Chilcott, and which he should have gladly introduced had he found it in any degree expressive of the sense of the words: the tune, without being very striking in point of melody, appeared to the author far too flippant for the dignity of the sentiment. The poetry indeed is not very easy to sct to appropriate music ; the Author has modelled his own composition on Handel's style, of which he thinks it will be considered a close imitation; but no better can be found he thinks to give any effect to the gratulatory though serious sentiment conveyed in the Nuptial God's. blessing.
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## ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

IT is probable that there was an original setting of the clown's song in this play, as the words would lose much of their point without the aid of music. Something perhaps in the tripping style that the Author has ventured to express them in.

## WINTER'S TALE.

THIS play was revived at Drury Lane theatre many years ago, under the musical management of the late learned and ingenious Dr. Boyce, and principally to introduce the celebrated Mrs. Baddely in the character of Perdita. On this occasion the little pastoral airs of Autolycus were introduced, and the charming trio, "Get thee hence," which is, beyond dispute, the doctor's composition. Whether the rest of the music be his, the Author has not been able positively to ascertain, but from the style of it he has not the slightest doubt about the matter. The only copies of the songs he could meet with were procured from the theatre ; these were in a very incorrect state, and very meagre in point of harmony. No name is affixed to these, and the song "Lawn as white as driven snow," he could not find among them, nor was it probably set, or it would surely have been preserved with the rest of the airs. The late Dr. Cooke has set these words as a glee, and made a very pretty catch of "Will you buy any Tape," but the Author could not introduce them in the present Work. Autolycus's description of his wares in the former song, is peculiarly characteristic, and perhaps, if expression be considered as applicable to it in the music the Author has supplied, it may not be considered as the worst of his efforts,

## HENRY THE FOURTH, (SECOND PART.)

THIS is the next play in succession where singing is introduced. Silence, it is natural to conclude, sung some regular tune or tunes to his merry words, and the Author much regrets that he has not been able to collect from any good authority, any of the old melodies that were made use of either originally, or when at different times, Shakspeare's plays were revived. Some of them would unquestionably (as in the case of the clown's epilogue song in Twelfth Night) have been entitled to a place in the present Work.

The scene where Silence's singing is introduced, is very diverting throughout; he is in a state of intoxica. tion, and sings by fits and starts only, as Falstaff or Justice Shallow addresses him. The words, however, are not unconnected, they are therefore given on the present occasion as a round-varying from, and then returning to the subject-as from Silence, in his gradations towards complete oblivion, might be naturally expected.

## HENRY THE EIGHTH.

SHOULD it ever occur to a musical admirer of our immortal bard, to read over his winter fire his various plays, with reference to the present Work, he would surely, at such a time, be in better humour with the music, as belonging more directly to the scene before him; and identifying itself with the characters and
situations in each play. Thus, while perusing the present tragedy, when he came to Queen Katherine's affecting command to Griffiths, he might experience something like disappointment when he turned to the musical volume and did not find the "sad, and solemn Music" which the poet has directed to be played. For these reasons the Author has introduced a few mournful strains, which though not claiming any particular merit either for force or novelty, may perhaps serve to keep up that association in the mind which the mind is always gratified to indulge.

It is with a view of more strongly characterising the music in general that the introductory speceh or dialogue to each piece is inserted; and the Author was particularly gratified by the notice taken of these introductions in the Monthly Magazine. "They animate" observes the Reviewers "the statue before us, give reality to the subject, application to the melodies, to the personages, 'a local habitation, and a name.'" , The beautiful words "Orpheus with his Lute" were set many years ago by the Editor's late much lamented father, but he grieves to add that the score and parts of the song were destroyed when Drury Lane -Theatre was burnt down, and he has not the slightest vestige of it remaining, and but a very imperfect recollection even of the subject. It was composed for the late Mrs. Crouch, who sung it when Henry the Eighth was rerived to give the public an opportunity of witnessing a Queen Katherine in the performance of Mrs. Siddons, which, for dignity and pathos, never was equalled, and never can be excelled.

As the poetry of the song in question is deserving of the highest efforts of a musical mind, the Author is particularly disappointed that he has not been able to find a setting of them in any of the works of the old English masters. He has taken all the pains in his power with them, but is satisfied he has not done them the justice they deserve, and deeply regrets that his father's composition cannot so much more effectively fill the space in the volume.

## ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA.

THE Author has a faint recollection of having seen the words "Come, thou Monarch of the Vine" set as a glee, but, after the most diligent enquiry, he has not been able to trace it, nor can he find it in Warren or in any of the old collections. Agreeably to Enobarbus's instructions, it is introduced in the present volume as a song and chorus; the words are written in the true bacchanalian style, and with a spirit which demands a correspondent energy from the music, not very easy to supply.

## KING LEAR.

THE fool's song to the old king, as well as the clown's to the countess, in All's Well that ends Well, was probably originally sung-the Author has therefore set it in the same tripping measure. He might not liave incurred any severe censure had he omitted to notice the words of either; however, where the term "singing" or "sings" is introduced by Sidikspeane, when applied to particular words, the music camot be inapposite, and it completes the design of the present undertaking.

## HAMLET.

OF the wild and pathetic melodies of Ophelia, the Author can give no account. He has introduced them as he remembers them to have been exquisitely sung by the late Mrs. Forster when she was Miss Field, and belonged
to Drury Lane Theatre; and the impression remains too strong upon his mind to make him doubt the correctness of the airs, agreeably to her delivery of them. The tunes were never, he believes, published before, and were probably the detached compositions of different authors. The words which Shakspeare has introduced are not all his own; some of them may be found in Percy's old ballads. Though these melodies, when sung on the stage in character, are better left by themselves, yet in work, like the present, it appeared necessary to harmonize them, and the plaintive wildness with which one or two of them are conceived, requires, and is improved by, a mournful modulation. The Author does not recollect that the words "They laid him barefaced on the bier!". were ever introduced. They certainly are not sung now; he has, therefore, set them himself, adhering, as much as possible, to the plaintive measure of the preceding airs.

## CYMBELINE.

IN the play of Cymbeline, Cloten's minstrels sing, with great propriety, the late Dr. Cooke's very pleasing glee of "Hark the Lark;" it has therefore been allotted its proper place in the Volume, with a symphony and a piano-forte accompaniment only, and no otherwise differing from the original.

Fidele's dirge, composed for three equal voices by the late Dr. Nares, is also introduced. It is a delightful composition, and highly characteristic, but like Arne, the doctor has set only a part of Sharspeares poetry; the Author has therefore been obliged to supply the omission; he has done his utmost to preserve, in some respects, the peculiar but energetic style of Dr. Nares, but he feels conscious of falling far short of the opening and concluding subjects which possess a pathos as tender as it is original.

## OTHELLO.

OTHELLO is the last of his plays in which our great poet has called in the aid of music. The injured and affiicted Desdemona is made to warble a sort of wild ditty which she remembers her mother's maid to have sung, whose lover proved mad, and forsook her. The Author found considerable difficulty in fancying a tune to correspond with the words. He is rather fearful that what he has, at length, fixed upon, will be considered rather more original than immediately striking, though he trusts that the sentiment at least of the poetry, will be expressed in the music.

It is much to be regretted that our amiable and scientific English veteran, Shield, did not go on with this sorig, after he had set the introduction to it, beginning, "My Mother had a Maid call'd Barbara." It would have. given the Author the highest gratification to have introduced in his present Work, the composition of an artist who, whether considered in his public or private capacity, is equally deserving of our love and respect. Mr . Shield's music is the result of an excellent understanding employed upon productions of great genius, and the purest taste.
"Let me the Canakin clink" the Author has introduced, perhaps not inaptly, as a round; it gives a little variety to the music in general, and might, with characteristic propriety, be sung by the three characters to whom it has been assigned.

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-The Music in Macbetu as it is now performed on the Stage -
Newly arranged in three parts and a Piano Forte accompaniment by M. Samuel Wesley.








Duke. Give us some music, and good Cousin, sing.
Act 2 S Scene $7^{\text {th }}$ Tenderly.

Piano.






JApuES - Have you no Song, Forester? -
2d Lond -
JAQ:-
Yes sir

Sing it, 'tis no matter how it be in tume, so it make nopse enorgh. ... Act IV. Scene IJ






## AS YOU LIKE IT.

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Touchstone 2d Page -

Well inet, honest Gentleman. -
By my troth, well met _ Come_sit, sit, and a song. -
I, faith I, faith and both in a tume like two Gypsies on a horse. - Act V. Scene III.




Hymen Whiles a wedlock hymn we sing
Feed yourselves with questioning.
That reason, wonder may diminish:
How thus we met, and these things finish. Act $5^{\text {th }}$ Scene 3 .



Countess_ Sirrah, tell my Gentlewomän I would speak with her, Helen, I mean Act 1st Scene 3




hey the sweetbirds how they sing doth set my puggingTooth on edge for a quart of Ale is a



## THE WINTERS TALE.

Clown _You have of these Pedlars that have more in them than you think, Sister.

Very Lively



## THE WINTERS TALE.

Clown_ Wenches, I'll buy for you both Pedlar, let's have the first choice. - Follow me girls
Autolycus - And you shall pay for 'em. (aside.) Act $4^{\text {th }}$ Scene $3^{\text {d }}$


THE WINTER'S TALE.
Morsa_'Tis in three parts.
Dorcas _ We had the tune on't a month ago.
Artolycus - I can bear my part, you must know 'tis my occupation: have at it with you.

## With






Shallow - By the mass I have drunk too much Sack at Supper.
a good Varlet: Now sir down now sir down Come Cousin


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\text { KING HENRY } 4^{\text {th }} .2 \text { d part. } 35
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## Shakspeare's Dramatic Songs.

## King Lear

Fool:-Thou hadst little wit in thy bald Crown when thou gavest thy golden one away, _If I speak like myself in this let him be whipp'd that first finds it so. -

Act 1 s. Scene $4^{\text {th }}$.




## HAMLET

OPHELIA _ Where is the beauteous Majesty of Denmark?


QuEEN Alas, sweet Lady, what imports this Song?
Opilfilia - Say you?, Nay pray you mark:


Pray let us have no words of this; but when they ask you


Theres Rue for you sand there is some for me -I would give your some Violets; but they wither'd all when my Father died - they say he made a good End -


LaERTES:-Thought, and affliction, passion, hell itself! She turns to favour, and to prettiness.


Shakspeare's Dramatic Songs. Cymbeline

## Cloten Come on; tune: - first, a very excellent good

conceited thing; after, a wonderful sweet air with
admirable rich words to it and then let her consider.
Act 2 . Scene 3 .






Guiderius _ Nay, Cadwal, we must lay his head to the East
My Father has a reason for't
Arviraguts
Giin: - Come on then and remove him:
Act $4^{\text {th }}$ Scene 2.






## CYMBELINE






## Shakspeares Dramatic Songs.

OTHELLO.
Cissio__ Fonc heaven they given me a rouse already
Montano_G_God faith, a little one; not past a pint, as I'm a Soldier
Jago $\qquad$ Some wine, ho!

ROUND $\quad$ Act 2 Scene 3 d


1, he whina.
That Song: to night
Will not go from my mind; - I have much to do Put to gro hathe my head all at one side,
And sing it like poor Barbara!
Act $4^{\text {th }}$ Satine 3 !




Tue End.

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