## The thunter in bis career.

(LONG ERE THE MORN).


The title of this once popular Hunting Song is given variously as "The Hunter's Song," "Bass his careere" and "The hunting of the hare." The air is drawn from the Straloch MS. (1627). There is also a copy in the Skene MS., and in the Pepy's collection (i., 452) where it is described as "a new court tune." The verses, only, are included in Wit and Drollery, Jovial Poems (1682) and in Ambrose Philips Old Ballads (vol. iii., p. 196, 1725), with a curious copper-plate illustration of the hunting of the hare.



Morley's air "Now is the month of Maying," appears in five-part harmony in "The first set of Ballets" (1595), a work that was published both in English and Italian, by Thomas Este. Our copy gives the Treble and Bass.

* The game of Barley break lent its name to a dance-movement which is found in Lady Nevill's Virginal Book (1591).
(CARELESS OF LOVE).




This song appears to have escaped the attention of collectors, despite Dr. Burney's frigid approval. Our copy, as regards both Treble and Bass, is from Lawes' Ayres and Dialogues (Bk. I., 1653), a work that was issued in the same year that Cromwell assumed the Protectorship. The words are by a son of Sir Walter Raleigh.

## Rfeitber sighs, nor tears.

Nicholas Laneir (circa 1589-1665).


Nicholas Laneir's song, given above, is copied from Select Musicall Ayres and Dialogues (1653) where it is printed with the Bass nere used.


## 0, dear life.

Sir Philip Sidney ( $\mathrm{I}_{5} \mathrm{~F}^{-15}{ }^{-1}$ 86).
William Byrde (circa 1538-1623).


William Byrde, a pupil of Thomas 'Tallis, published the above air, which in its original form was set for five voices, in his Songs of Sundry Natures, $\mathbf{1 5 8 9 .}$ Some of the massive and extremely beautiful harmonies are perforce somewhat reduced, to suit the demands of a modern pianoforte. If a setting of this sort helps to draw increased attention to the original editions of this great composer, its aim has been fully accomplished.


From the Guise MS.
Robert Johnson (circa $1555-1625$ ).


Robert Johnson the lutenist was contemporary with Shakespeare, and in 1612 wrote the original incidental music for "The Tempest." He should not be confused with the older ecclesiastical writer of the same name, some of whose motets survive in the Histories of Hawkins and Burney, though the two were quite possibly related. Our air and bass is copied from the Guise MS. (Add MSS, 11,608. fol. 15, British Museum) where it has lain undisturbed (in all probability) since the middle of the 17th Century.

## Jíio me but live.



Playford's Select Musicall Ayres and Dialogues (1653) supplies the air and bass of the above song, which it cannot be doubted is its first setting, though the Hesperides was published by Herrick in 1648 .

Cake, (1) take those líps away.

Beaumont and Fletcher.
Dr. Wilson (1594-1673)


Dr. Wilson's setting of "Take, O take those lips away" is contained in John Playford's Select Musicall Ayres and Dialogues, to sing to the Theorbo or Basse Violl (1653). Another copy may be found in the British Museum (Add. MSS. 11,608, fol. 56), in a handsome folio manuscript of the middle of the Seventeenth Century. It is also included in Dr. Wilson's Cheerful Ay'res or Ballads published at Oxford in 1659. Sir Frederick Bridge has edited a copy of the last-named version. The first stanza of the words appears in Shakespeare s version of the words, and Dr. Wilson's own Bass. Compare the setting at page 62.


Words and Music by Dibdin (1745-18I4).


And love, well stor'd, Shall brave all dan-ger, scorn all fear, The roar-ing winds, the rag - ing sea, In


Dibdin's opera The Seraglio, from which "Blow high, blow low" is extracted, forms one of eleven similar works produced by this tireless composer in the year 1776. English opera is scarcely so prolific, or so lightly brought to the boards in 1904. Dibdin's operatic productions between 1762 and 1811 number about seventy, he invented and brought out thirty-five musical entertainments (for one performer), and composed more than a thousand songs, writing the words not only for himself, but many for other composers.

scud a - long, And the surge roar-ing from below, Shall my sig-nal be, To think on thee, Shall my

all the crew, The mem - 'ry of their for - mer lives, O'er flow - ing cans of flip re - new, And



Under the title of "Necastle," the air associated with "Come you not from Newcastle," is found in the Dancing Master I650. The words are from a fragment-six lines only-formerly in the MS. folio of Dr. Percy. The tune can be traced to the time of Queen Elizabeth, since it is referred to in a dramatic piece entitled Friar Bacon by Robert Greene who died in 1592. (See Appendix.)

Voice.


Air from the Skene MS. (circa 1615 ).


1. Will you hear a Span-ish
2. As his pris - 'ner there he
3. But at last there came com-


Bishop Percy, in introducing this song in the Reliques, remarks:-"This beautiful old ballad most probably took its rise from one of foregoing bents made on the Spanish coasts, in the time of Queen Elizabeth; and in all likelihood from that which is celebrated in the as the Quaing ballad." He refers to "The Winning of Cales" (Cadiz) 1596. The music is in the Skene MS. and in several Ballad operas, such as the Quakers' Opera (1728) and the Jovial Crew (1731). There are nine stanzas in the original ballad, here shortened to three.

## Fll in a garden green.

Air from a Manuscript Lute Book.


William Ballet's Lute Book contains this elegant air. The words are taken from Popular Music (Chappell), 1859, where they are quoted from a manuscript then in the possession of Mr. Payne Collier. It may be added that Ballet's Lute Book, a manuscript collection of popular tunes written about $\mathbf{1 5 5 5}$, is in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin.



The above air is copied (together with the Bass) from the Guise MS. in the British Museum, a volume of Songs, Canons, Dialogues, Catches and Rounds, contained in a Seventeenth Century folio.

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rabat if a day, or a month, or a pear.


Thomas Campion (1570-16ig).


Dr. Thomas Campion (poet, dramatist, composer, and Physician), flourished in the first part of the Seventeenth Century. His air "What if a day, or a month, or a year?" is one of the most celebrated of its time. Another of his works is recommended as "A new way of making foure parts in Counterpoint, by a most familiar and infallible rule" (1618). This is also contained in Playford's "Introduction" (1655).


The $\mathfrak{L a s s}$ of the bill.
(ON THE BROW OF A HILL).
Words by Mary Jones.
Music by Samuel Howard (1710-1782).





Ped.
Ped.




Bal $\%$
Ped. *

I. cot-tage, con-tent-ment was wealth.
2. self, she sus - pect-ed no art.


## (GOD PROSPER LONG OUR NOBLE KING).


4.

This fight did last from break of day Till setting of the sun;
For when they rung the evening bell, The battle scarce was done.

Of fifteen hundred Englishmen, Went home but fifty-three:
The rest were slain in Chevy-chase, Under the green-wood tree.

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## The ratalf.




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## role sate down and wept by the waters.

"By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept" (Book of Psalms, cxxxvii.).


[^1]I. ye, I. ye, her des-o-late daugh - ters! Were scat-ter'd all weep-ing a way,
2. right hand be with-er'd for e

- ver, Ere it string our high harp for the foe!




[^0]:    This ancient air, which occurs no less than eight times in Durfey's Wit and Mirth (six vols., 1719-20), was a great favourite with the old ballad-makers. For the complete 256 verses, Percy, Ritson or Phillips may be referred to. Its earliest known form was preserved by Richard Sheale, a minstrel in the service of the Earl of Derby about 1548. (See Appendix.)

[^1]:    * From the Hebrew Melodies.

