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DUETT and CHORUS.

PIANO FORTE.

Scherzando.

Be merry and gay if you will, love; But mirth to be honest and true, Her chalice of bliss must fill, love, From the fountain of heavenly

dolce. *p* *cres:* *dolce.*

dew.

f *dolce.* *f* *rf* *rf*

Dark are the pleasures of earth, love, Turbid and vexed they flow,

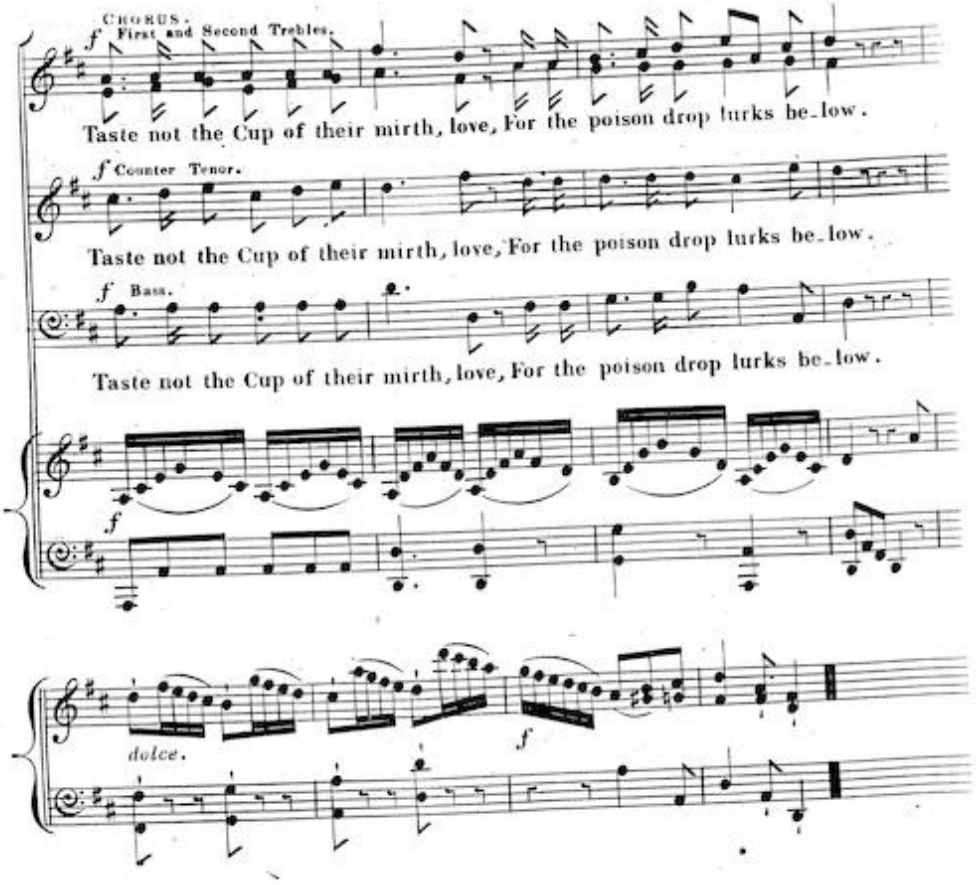
dolce. *p*

Taste not the Cup of their mirth, love, Taste not the Cup of their mirth, love,

cres: *mf*

Taste not the Cup of their mirth, love, for the poison drop lurks be_low.

dolce.



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O goodly and sweet is the lore, love,
Which the teachings of Heaven employ;
Its Children rejoice evermore, love,
Its Cherubim shout for joy.
Seek mirth then; but if thou would'st haste, love,
To have mirth without danger or care,
Be it mirth which a Christian may taste, love,
Mirth which an Angel might share.