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To Mrs M. A. Esling.
A friend of many years.

Sweet pretty bird good night

SONG AND CHORUS

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Andante espressivo.

Voice.

Piano.

1. Sweet
2. And
3. Thy

pretty bird, good night, good night, I've heard thy blithesome call, From
thou hast won thy gladsome themes, From all those sun - ny hours; Thou'st
gushing trans - ports loud and long, Are hush'd up - on the air; But,

morning's soft and dew - y light, 'Till eve - ning's noiseless fall. All
warbled with the warb - ling streams, And whis - per'd with the flowers. Thou'st
oh! the joy that filled thy song, Steals round me, like a prayer. A

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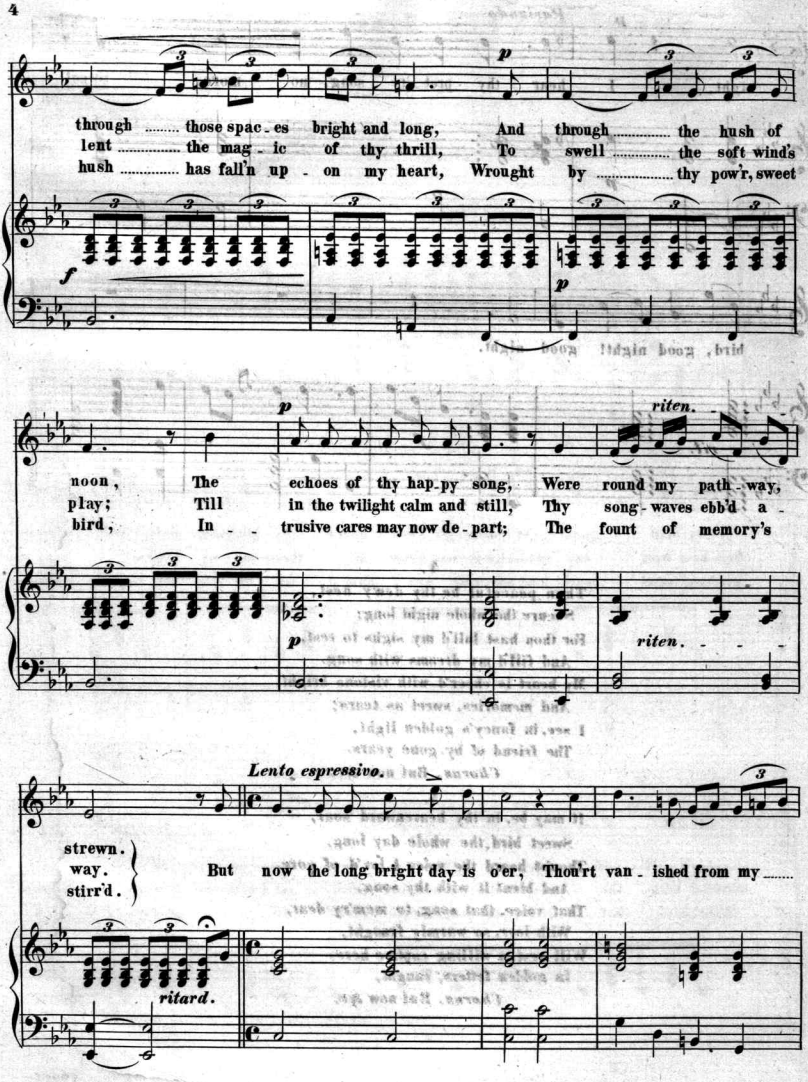
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through ..... those spac - es bright and long, And through ..... the hush of
lent ..... the mag - ic of thy thrill, To swell ..... the soft wind's
hush ..... has fall'n up - on my heart, Wrought by ..... thy pow'r, sweet
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riten.
noon, The echoes of thy hap - py song, Were round my path - way,
play; Till in the twilight calm and still, Thy song - waves ebb'd a -
bird; In - trusive cares may now de - part; The fount of memory's
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But now the long bright day is o'er, Thou'rt van - ished from my .....
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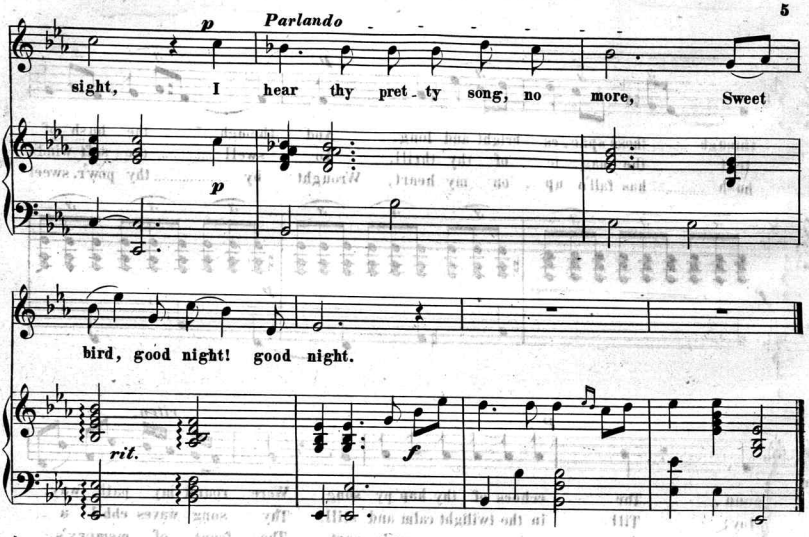

4.

Then peaceful be thy dewy nest,
Secure the whole night long;
For thou hast lull'd my sighs to rest,
And fill'd my dreams with song.
My heart is cheer'd with visions bright,
And memories, sweet as tears;
I see, in fancy's golden light,
The friend of by-gone years.
Chorus. But now &c.

5.

It may be, in thy heavenward soar,
Sweet bird, the whole day long,
Thou'st heard the voice I lov'd of yore,
And blent it with thy song.
That voice, that song, to mem'ry dear,
With love, so warmly fraught,
Will rest, a willing captive here,
In golden fetters, caught,
Chorus. But now &c.

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