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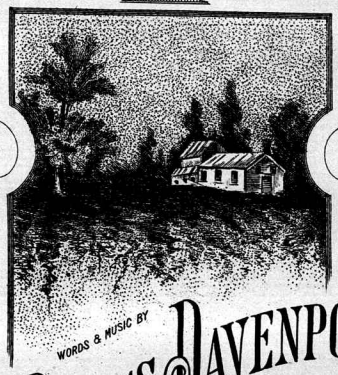

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Moderato.

PIANO.

mf *f* *dim.* *più rit.*

1. The old home sleeps where the wan wil - low weeps, Near the way - side dust - y and brown, Where the elm bends low, and the brook's qui - et flow To the vale rip - ples mur - mur - ing down; The

2. But the old house is still, and the voic - es that fill Its mem - 'ry but whis - per and sigh; While the breeze throbs a - lone with a shrill mon - o - tone Through the cham - bers that gape to the sky; Its

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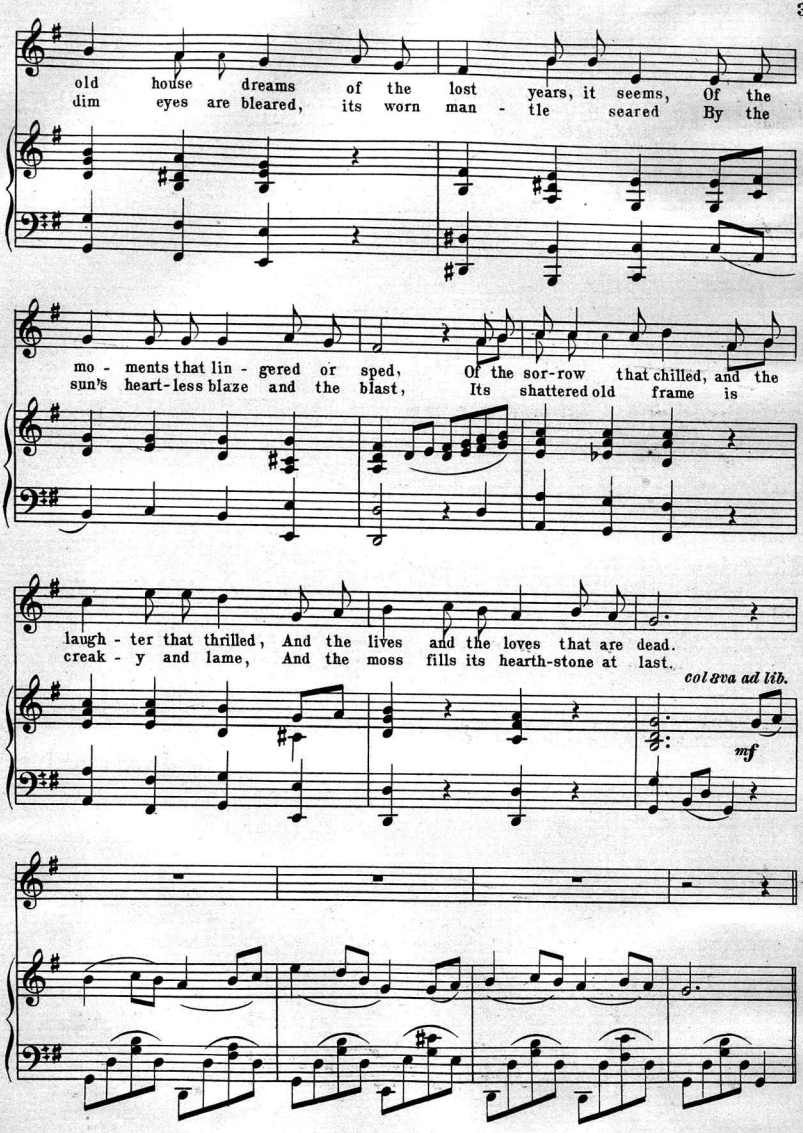
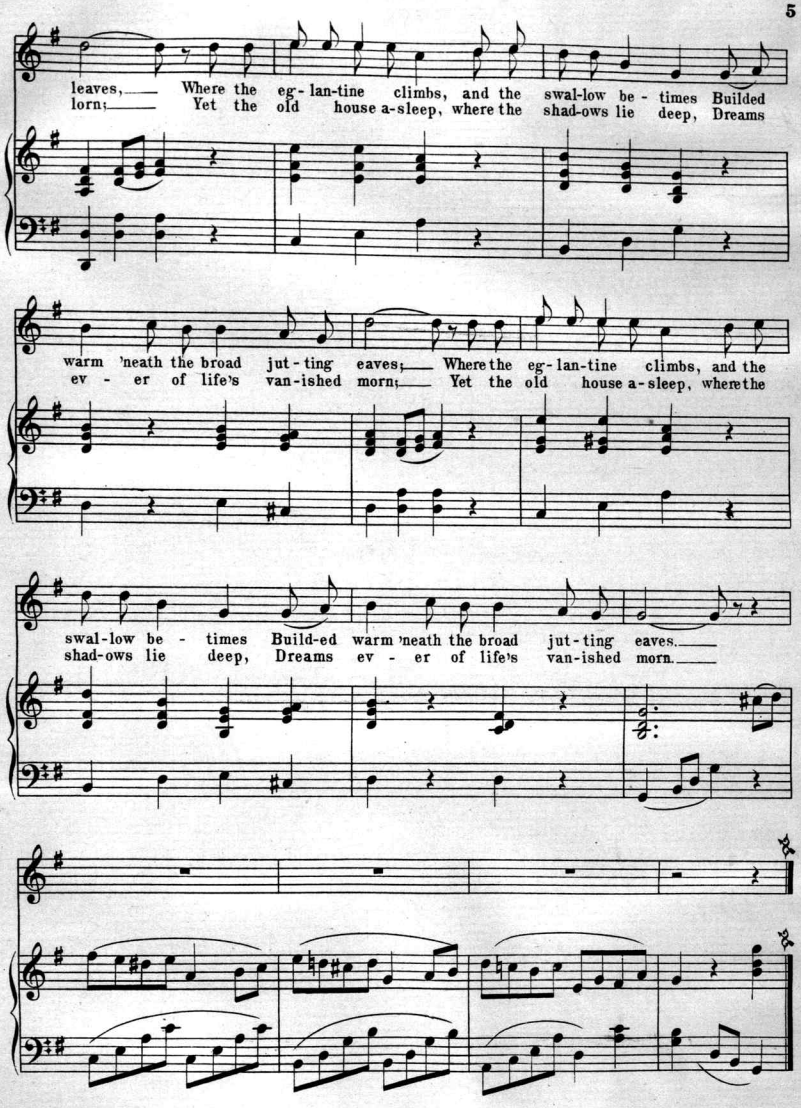

old house dreams of the lost years, it seems, Of the
dim eyes are bleared, its worn man - tle seared By the
mo - ments that lin - gered or sped, Of the sor-row that chilled, and the
sun's heart-less blaze and the blast, Its shattered old frame is
laugh - ter that thrilled, And the lives and the loves that are dead.
creak - y and lame, And the moss fills its hearth-stone at last.
col 8va ad lib.
mf

It dreams of the bliss of the lov - er's first kiss 'Neath the
The old house is dy - ing, its glo - ries are ly - ing In

porch in the gloam - ing sweet; Of the wed-ding feast gay, and the
door - yard and field scattered wide; The myr-tle vine min - gles with

moth-er's fond lay, Of the pat-ter of ba - by feet. How the
raft - ers and shin-gles, Where pale liz-ards stealth - i - ly glide, And the

lit- tle ones played in the gray ga-ble's shade, Where the light sift-ed down through the
grass grows rank on the brook's sod-den bank, O - ver lin - tels and shut-ters for -


leaves, Where the eg-lan-tine climbs, and the swal-low be-times Builded
lorn; Yet the old house a-sleep, where the shad-ows lie deep, Dreams
warm 'neath the broad jut-ting eaves; Where the eg-lan-tine climbs, and the
ev-er of life's van-ished morn; Yet the old house a-sleep, where the
swal-low be-times Build-ed warm 'neath the broad jut-ting eaves.
shad-ows lie deep, Dreams ev-er of life's van-ished morn.

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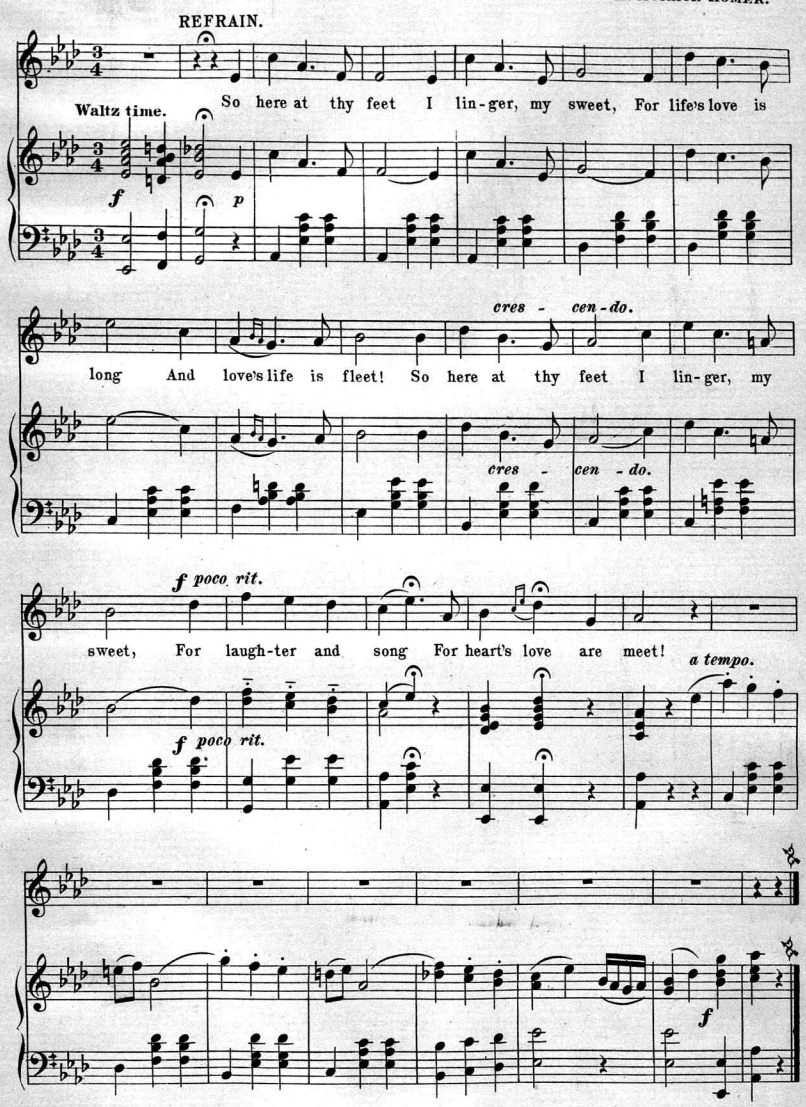

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