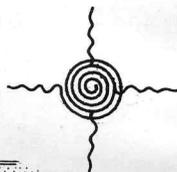


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Andante.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and common time (C). It features a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The piano part begins with a series of chords in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The vocal line enters with the lyrics. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The first system includes the tempo marking and the beginning of the piano accompaniment. The second system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The third system contains the next two lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains the final two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The vocal line is written in a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

staccato
f rit.

1. In a drear-y pris-on cell forced for ma-ny years to dwell, Sat a
2. Seated in her old arm chair a sad pic-ture of de-spair, Sits his

convict in a land far o'er the foam, Pin-ning slow-ly day by day whil-ing
ag-ed mother weeping all a-lone And up-on her hag-gard face lines of

wea-ry hours a-way, Fondly think-ing of his moth-er and of home, Then as
care have left their trace, All the sun-shine from her heart for ev-er flown, As she

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si - lent - ly the tears min - gle with his hopes and fears, he
scans each fad - ed page of a let - ter dimmed with age, it

writes a lov - ing letter that is all, Then he murmurs faint and low poor old
brings fond thoughts of him her only joy, He those ten - der lines had penned ma - ny

moth - er must not know, Her son is now a con - vict past re - call.....
years have passed since then, Still she reads that lov - ing let - ter from her boy.....

REFRAIN.

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'Twas a let-ter old and worn yet it cheers that heart for- lorn, And

guard-ed with a love none can de- stroy, Tho' her

heart may oft- times yearn still she prays for his re- turn, As she

reads that lov- - ing let- ter from her boy.

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