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SONG AND CHORUS.

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INTROD.

Secco
f *mp* *mf* *rit.* *dim.*
lento.

1. 'Twas long a - go when Nell and I Joined heart and hand for life, And
 2. Our life flowed like a riv - er then, A riv - er clear and broad, Un-
 3. But since we plight - ed long a - go, Our troth that hand in hand, In
 4. My step is not so brisk to - day, And glass - es Nell must wear, Her

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swift - ly have the years gone by Since first I called her wife.... 'Tis
 - til the shad - ows gath - ered when We bur - ied lit - tle Maud.... Our
 health or sick - ness, weal - or woe, To - geth - er we would stand.... We've
 flow - ing locks are mixed with gray, And mine be - yond re - pair.... Yet

plain that we are grow - ing old, And more and more se - date.... Yet
 tears fell fast as pat - tery rain, On that e - vent - ful date.... It
 ev - er tried to pay the debt, In good and ill es - tate.... And
 strong - er grows like spark - ling wine, That years but an - i - mate.... Our

strong's our love as when first told O'er that old rus - tic gate....
 seemed we'd ne'er be blithe a - gain As o'er that rus - tic gate....
 don't re - gret that e'er we met By that old rus - tic gate....
 love first whis - pered at the shrine, That dear old rus - tic gate....

CHORUS.

f *Cheerfully.*

Soprano. *f*
In cho - rus glad - ly we re - spond, And their love cel - e - brate, ... So

Alto. *f*

Tenor. *f*
In cho - rus glad - ly we re - spond, And their love cel - e - brate, ... So

Bass. *f*

dim.

long since told in whis - pers fond O'er that old rus - tic gate....

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dim.

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