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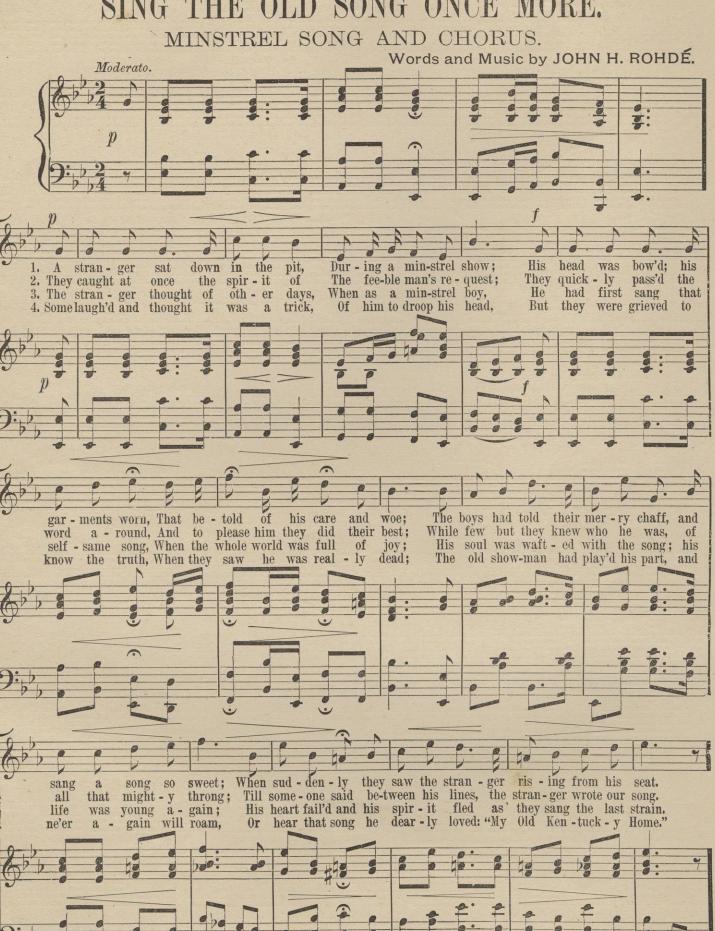
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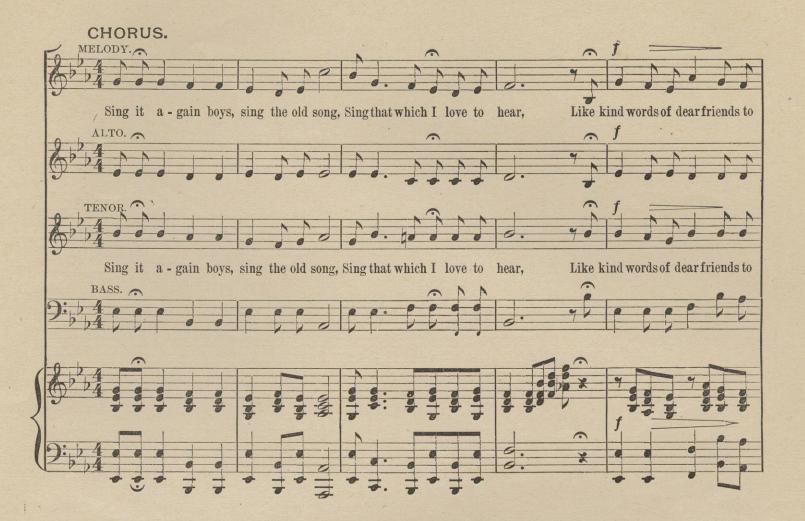
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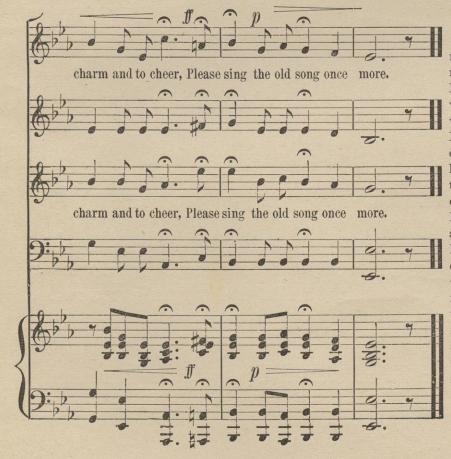
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This song relates to Ben Leland, the old time minstrel vocalist, who claimed to have created that most charming standard song, entitled - "My Old Kentucky Home," which he sang for many seasons with Christy; and Morris Brothers' Minstrels; after which he joined the Genevive Ward "Forget Me Not" company, but his unfortunate love for the Star destroyed his mind and ambition, and as is known, he followed her from place to place, a tireless, though harmless sort of imbecile, whose mania was only to see and be near her; and when she went to London, England, Leland got there somehow—and as usual, saw the show. He also went to see J. H. Haverly's Minstrels who were playing in "Her Majesty's," at the same time, and when they had sung "My Old Kentucky Home," he arose and passionately requested them to repeat it, which they did with a will; and when the curtain was rung down it was found he had died in his chair of heart disease; or as some papers put it, of a broken heart. So ended the career of the once courted and proud, genial, manly, friend to every body but himself -