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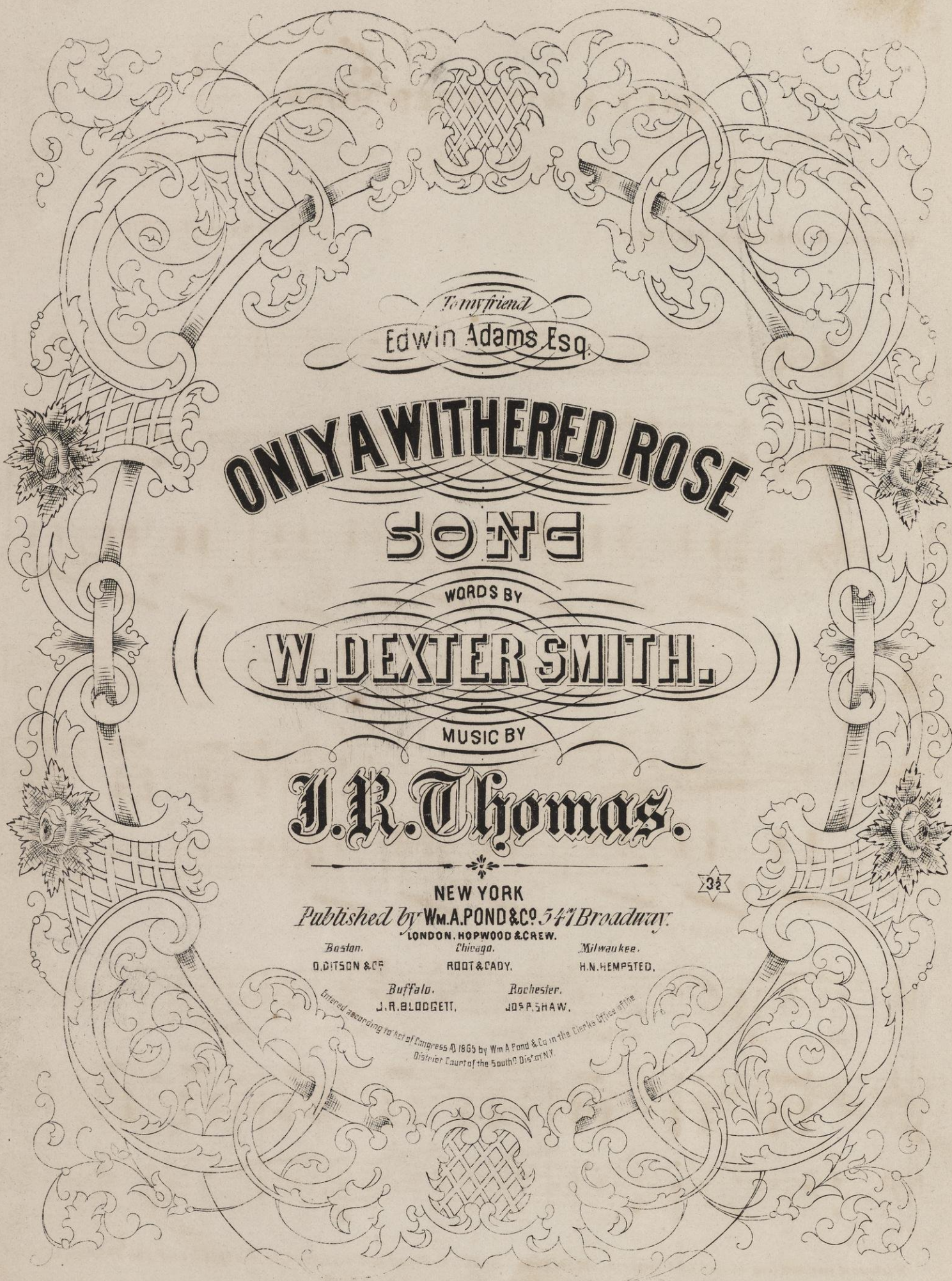
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SONG

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MUSIC BY
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CANZONETTA.

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 9/8. The piano accompaniment starts with a series of chords in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand. The voice part enters in the second measure with the lyrics "On - ly a withered rose It seems to thee,". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady rhythm of eighth and sixteenth notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff for the piano and a single staff for the voice. The first system has three measures, the second has three measures, and the third has three measures. The lyrics are placed below the voice staff in the third system.

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dolce.
Yet----- day by day it grows Dearer to me, I

know----- its beau - ty fled Long months a-go, I

know----- its pet-als red----- Turn'd white as snow----- Yet

cresc.

dim.
dear----- it is to me----- As when it came-----

poco rall.

Fresh..... dearest one from thee, Breathing thy name.

colla voce.

dim.

I

know..... its fragrance died..... Long, long a - go, I

dolce.

know..... that flow'rs be - side..... More beautiful grow Yet

I still cherish this, One gift from thee

Sym - bol of earth-ly bliss..... Thy love for me Oh!

dim.
though..... the rose must fade..... And bloom de - cay..... Our

f love..... shall e'er be made *f* Brighter each day.