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"THE DARK EYE HAS LEFT US."
(Song of)
INDIAN WOMEN

FROM A POEM ENTITLED

The Bridal of Penna-wick.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

MUSIC COMPOSED & DEDICATED TO HIS FRIENDS AND LOVERS OF SONG ON THE
BEAUTIFUL BANKS OF THE

Merrimac River

by

WILLIAM R. DEMPSTER.

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SONG OF INDIAN WOMEN.

Poetry by JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Music by WILLIAM R. DEMPSTER.

Passaconaway, the great Chief of the Pennacook tribe of Indians which inhabited that part of New Hampshire where Concord now stands, had an only daughter who was married to a chief of another tribe. In the spring following her marriage the young wife visited her father, escorted by her husband and the principal warriors of his tribe, with much pomp and ceremony — She remained with her father during the summer months and in autumn she wished to return to her new home — Passaconaway sent notice to the young chief, requesting him to come and take his wife back again — According to the notion of Indian life he felt indignant at this message, replying, that her father ought to send her back with as brave an escort as she came with — This roused the pride of the great Sachem, and he would not permit his daughter to return — At the breaking up of the ice in the Merrimac river in the spring, she attempted to make her escape to her husband by paddling her way alone in a canoe, and perished in descending the falls of the river — This song is that of the women of her tribe.

LEGATO.

ANDANTINO.

Rall: The dark eye has left us, The spring-bird has flown; On the

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A musical score for two voices and piano. The top staff shows a soprano vocal line with lyrics: "pathway of spirits She wan-ders a - lone. The song of the". The bottom staff shows a piano accompaniment with bass and treble clef staves. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat.

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A musical score page showing two staves. The top staff is for voice and the bottom for piano. The vocal part starts with eighth-note pairs, followed by a dotted half note and eighth-note pairs again. The piano part consists of eighth-note chords. The vocal line continues with dynamic markings f, f, p, pp. The lyrics "wood-dove has died on our shore; Mat wonck kunna monee! Mat wonck kunna" are written below the vocal line, with "ova" written above "monee!".

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gva.

A musical score page featuring two staves. The top staff is for voice, starting with a forte dynamic (f) and a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. It includes lyrics: "monee! Mat wonck kunna monee! We hear it no more." The bottom staff is for piano, with dynamics including f, p, Rall., pp, and s. The piano part features chords and sustained notes.

monee! Mat wonck kunna monee! We hear it no more.

* Translation — We see her or hear her no more.

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Oh! dark water spirit! We cast on thy wave These furs that may

never Hang o - ver her grave; Bear down to our lost one the

robes which she wore, Mat wonck kunna monee! Mat wonck kunna monee! Mat

wonck kunna monee! — We see her no more.

Of the

strange land she walks in No Powah* has told: It may burn with the

sunshine, Or freeze with the cold. Let us give to our lost one the

robes which she wore. Mat wonck kunna monee! Mat *gra*

* Indian Priest.

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Rall: p *Rall:*

wonck kunna monee! We see her no more. *f*

p

The

f *Dim:* *Rall: pp*

path she is treading Shall soon be our own; Each gli - ding in

shadow Un - - seen and a - lone! — In vain shall we call on the

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wonck kんな monee!—They hear us no more.

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Oh mighty Sowanna!*

Thy gateways unfold,

From thy wigwam of sunset

Lift curtains of gold!

Take home the poor spirit whose journey is o'er—

Mat wonck kんな monee!—We see her no more.

* Sowanna. The great south-west God.