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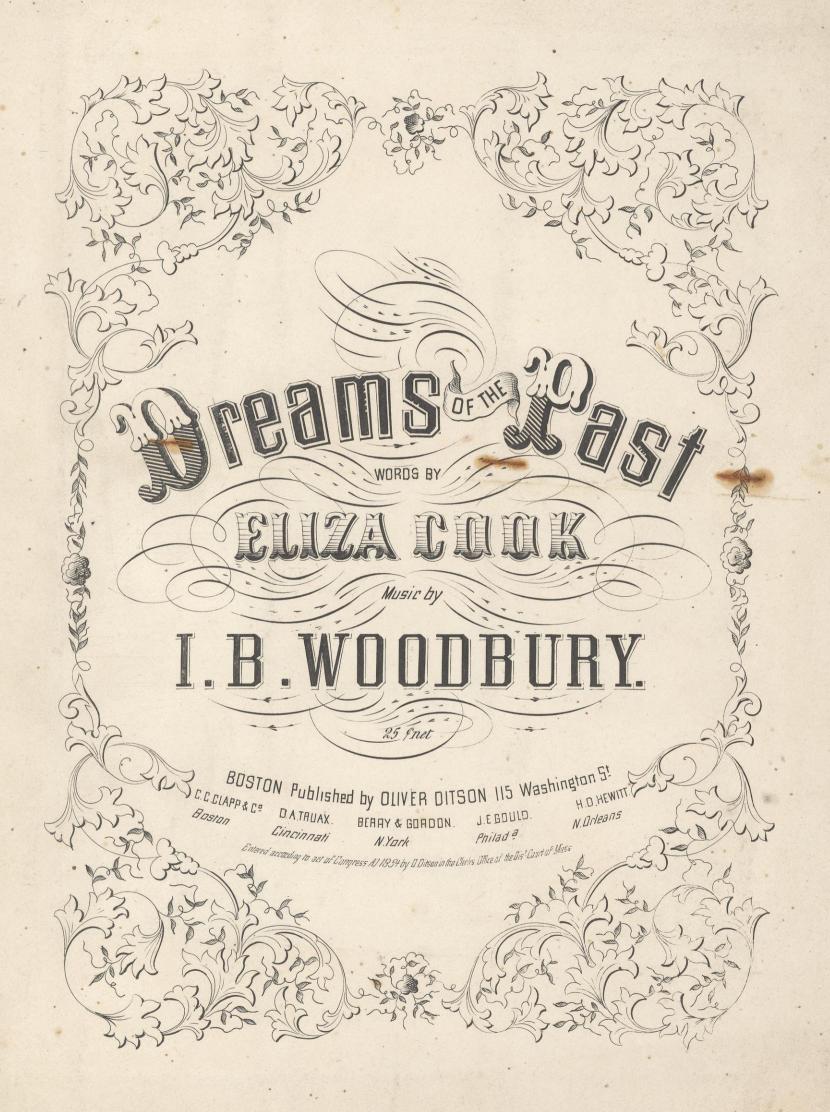
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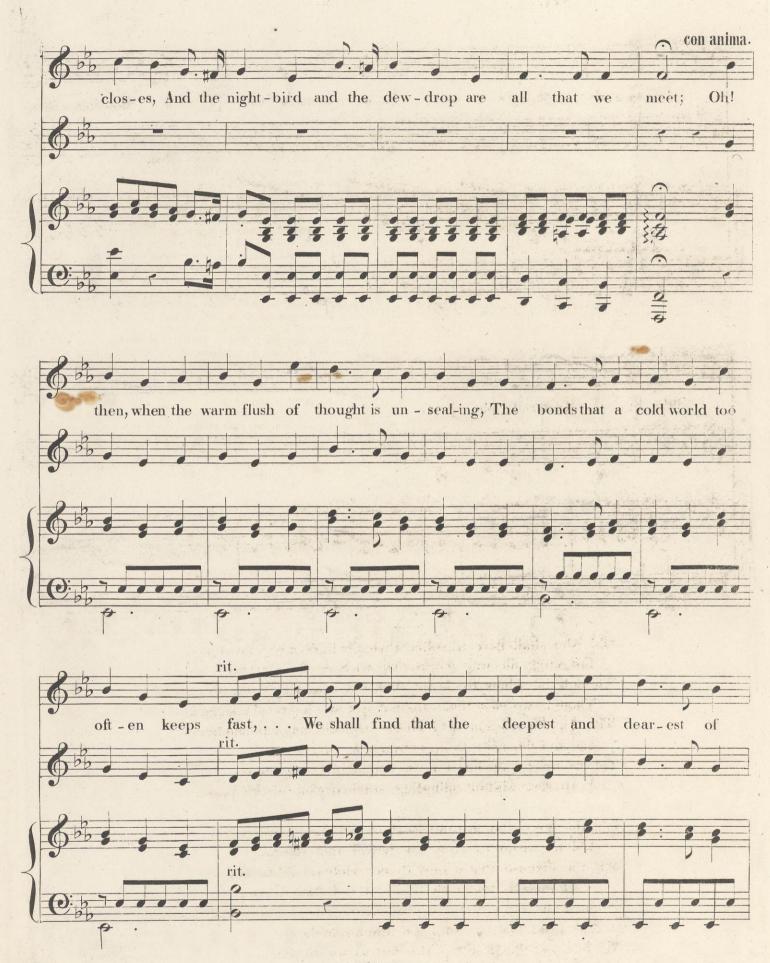
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Oh! who shall have travelled through life's misty morning,
Forgeting all way marks that rose on their track;
Though the things we loved then had maturity's scorning,
Though we cast them behind, yet we like to look back;
Though the present may charm us with magical numbers,
And lull the rapt spirit, entrancing it fast,
Yet 'tis rarely the heart is so sound in its slumbers,
As to rest without mingling some dream of the past.

Oh! the days that are gone—they will have no returning,
And tis wisest to bury the hopes that decay,
But the incense that's purest and richest in burning,
Is oft placed where all round it is fading away;
Though the days that are gone had more canker than blossom,
And even that blossom too tender to last,
Yet had we the power, oh! where is the bosom
Would thrust from its visions the dreams of the past?