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To
Miss Isabel M. Taylor
of Andover, Mass.

What shall I
ask for thee!
Song & Chorus.

Words by Mrs. R. B. Eason. Music by

JAMES R. MURRAY.

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JAMES R. MURRAY

Grazioso.

The first system of the piano accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/8 time. The melody is written in the treble clef and features a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth notes. There are some handwritten annotations above the treble staff, including 'x' and '3 2 1'.

The vocal line for the first system is a single staff in treble clef, 3/8 time. It contains a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, corresponding to the lyrics below.

- I. What shall I ask for thee, wish for thee sweet?
- II. Still I would ask for thee, out of my love,
- III. This most of all I would ask for thee, sweet,

The second system of the piano accompaniment continues from the first system. It features two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/8 time. The melody in the treble clef includes some slurs and rests. The bass line continues with eighth notes. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Skies that are peace - ful and calm,..... Seas that are
 More of the sun - shine than storm,..... With but e -
 Grace to be pa - tient and strong,..... Meek - ness to

storm - less, and winds that are soft. As the low breath of a
 nough of life's sor - rows and pain To keep thy heart ten - der and
 bear all thy cross - es and care, Cour - age to bat - tle with

psalm?..... No, as I love thee, I ask not that life
 warm;..... Faith to look up - ward in glad - ness or gloom,
 wrong;..... May the kind an - gels, who watch o'er the good,

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Be from all bit - ter - ness free,..... Some-thing of sweet - ness and
 Hope amid the dir - est de - feat;..... Firm-ness in tri - al, and
 Guide thy dear feet as they roam,..... And in the land that is

some - thing of strife. Dear one, is bet - ter for thee.....
 pa - tience in pain, These, would I ask for thee, sweet.....
 bet - ter than this, Give thee for - ev - er a home.....

C H O R U S .

AIR.

May the kind an - gels, who watch o'er the good, Guide thy dear

ALTO.

TENOR.

BASE.

fect as they roam,..... And in the land that is
 As they roam,.....
 feet as they roam,..... And in the land that is

bet - ter than this Give thee for - ev - er a home.....
 bet - ter than this Give thee for - ev - er a home.....