

THE TURTLE DOVE.

FOLK-SONG COLLECTED AND ARRANGED FOR MEN'S VOICES. (with piano ad lib)
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Andante sostenuto.
TENORS & BARITONES. *p* SOLO.

MELODY.

CHORAL ACCOMPANIMENT.

BASSES. *pp* (closed lips)

Andante sostenuto.
PIANO. (ad lib) *p* *pp*

leave you for a while; If I roam a-way I'll come back a-gain, Though I

roam ten thousand miles, my dear, Though I roam ten-thousand miles.

Ad. *

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CHORUS.

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2.⁺ As fair thou art my bon - ny lass, So deep in love am -
lass,
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I; But I nev - er will prove false to the pret - ty girl I love, Till the
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stars fall from the sky, my dear, Till the stars fall from the sky.
stars fall, my dear, Till the stars fall from the sky.
stars fall from the sky, my dear, Till the stars fall from the sky.

* Two lines from Burns' famous adaptation of this ballad have been added here to make up a lacuna in the traditional version.

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3. The_ sea will nev-er run dry, my_ dear, Nor the rocks nev-er melt with the dry,

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sun, But I nev-er will prove false to the pret-ty girl I love, Till_

sun, But I nev - er_ will prove false, Till_

sun, But I nev - er_ will prove false, Till_

all those things be done, my dear, Till_ all those things be done.

all be done, my dear, Till_ all those things be_ done.

all those things be done, my dear, Till_ all those things be done.

SOLO.

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4. O — yon — der doth sit that lit — tle tur — tle dove, He doth sit on — yon — der high

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(closed lips)

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tree, A — mak — ing a moan for the loss of his love, As — I will do for

(CHORUS joins in *pp*)

thee, my dear, As — I will do for thee.

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