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MUSIC ARRANGED FOR THE PIANO BY THE LATE STEPHEN C. FOSTER

The arrangement of this Melody was the last musical effort of Stephen C. Foster, and the value placed upon it by its owner, as a relic and favorite work, of the late eminent composer, rendered the securing of it exclusively for the ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY a very costly affair. We hope, however, that it will prove an agreeable SOUVENIR to many of our readers.

Allegretto e Con Spirito.

1. There's a bright-eyed maid comes thro' the gar - den gate, Light as the wild roe
 2. Her ra - diant face is seen a - mid the trees, Bright as the sun - light
 3. Her ra - ven curls hang o'er a neck of snow, Bath'd in the sun-beams

bound - ing, O! well I know she is our dar - ling Kate, For her voice in my heart is sound - ing; And her
 beam - ing, Her fra - grant breath gives o - dor to the breeze, And her eyes like twin stars are beam - ing; And
 bright - ness, Her peach - like cheek with mo - dest blushes glow, And her brow shames the li - ly's white - ness; O!

light mer - ry laugh, so mellow, soft, and clear, On sum - mer breez - es ring - ing, Like a sil - ver bell strikes
 bright aerial forms up - on her smiles await On morn's bright pin - ions soar - ing, They come to greet our
 were I possess'd of India's vast es - tate, Or the fa - bled wealth of sto - ry, I'd give them all for

rit. *tem.*

on the ravished ear, And flow'rs 'neath her feet are spring - ing.
dar - ling lit - tle Kate, Her an - gel form a - dor - ing.
dar - ling lit - tle Kate, Our own bright Morn - ing - glo - ry.

CHORUS.

Soprano. Dar - ling, dar - ling, dar - ling lit - tle Kate, Fair as the star of morn - ing, Thine this heart, what -

Alto. Dar - ling, dar - ling, dar - ling lit - tle Kate, Fair as the star of morn - ing, Thine this heart, what -

Tenor. Dar - ling, dar - ling, dar - ling lit - tle Kate, Fair as the star of morn - ing, Thine this heart, what -

Base.

Poco piu Presto.

rit. *tem.*

- ev - er be my fate, Till the lamp of life cease burn - ing.

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