

LORENA



And hear
the distant Church bells
chimed.

For
"if we try,
we may forget."

But there, up there,
His Heart to Heart.

Piano.

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"LORENA."

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ANDANTE ESPRESSIVO.

The
years creep slowly by, Lo .. re na, The snow is on the grass a--gain; The
sun's low down the sky, Lo .. re na, The frost gleams where the flowr's have been. But the

A handwritten musical score for voice and piano. The music is in G major, indicated by a key signature of one sharp. The vocal line consists of two staves of music, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment is provided by a single staff of music.

heart throbs on as warmly now, As when the summer days were

nigh; O! the sun can never dip so low,..... A.. down affection's cloudless

sky. The sun can never dip so low,..... A.. down affection's cloudles.

sky.

A hun dred months have passed Lo... re ... na, Since

last I held that hand in mine, And felt the pulse beat fast, Lo..

.. re na, Though mine beat faster far than thine. A

Lorena.

hundred months,-twas flowery May When up the hilly slope we climbed To.....

watch the dying of the day,... And hear the distant church bells chimed. To

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3.

We loved each other then, Lorena,
More than we ever dared to tell;
And what we might have been, Lorena,
Had but our lovings prospered well—
But then, 'tis past—the years are gone,
I'll not call up their shadowy forms;
I'll say to them, "lost years, sleep on!
Sleep on! nor heed, life's pelting storm."

4.

The story of that past, Lorena,
Alas! I care not to repeat
The hopes that could not last, Lorena,
They lived, but only lived to cheat.
I would not cause e'en one regret
To wrinkle in your bosom now;
For "if we try, we may forget,"
Were words of thine long years ago.

5.

Yes, these were words of thine, Lorena,
They burn within my memory yet;
They touched some tender chords, Lorena,
Which thrill and tremble with regret.
'Twas not thy woman's heart that spoke;
Thy heart was always true to me:—
A duty stern and pressing, broke
The tie which linked my soul with-thee.

6.

It matters little now, Lorena,
The past—is in the eternal Past,
Our heads will soon lie low, Lorena,
Life's tide is ebbing out so fast.
There is a Future! O thank God,
Of life this is so small a part!
'Tis dust to dust beneath the sod;
But there, *up there*, 'tis heart to heart.