



Baloo, my boy

LADY ANNE BOTHWELL'S LAMENT
Traditional Scottish Song

William B. Moonie
(1883-1961)

William Beatton Moonie (1883–1961) was born at the station master’s house at Stobo railway station, Scotland, while his parents were taking a holiday from their Edinburgh home. His father James Anderson Moonie was a music teacher, founder of the Hope Park Musical Association and “Mr. Moonie’s Choir.” He was educated at Daniel Stewart’s College, Edinburgh University, and the University of Frankfurt. He taught at Edinburgh Provincial Training College, was music master at Daniel Stewart’s College, and held positions at George Heriot’s School, Watson’s Ladies College, and Dean’s College. He died in Edinburgh. His compositions include operas, cantatas, orchestral works, chamber music, organ and piano pieces, songs, and part-songs.

Baloo, my boy, lie still and sleep
It grieves me sore to hear thee weep,
If thou’lt be silent I’ll be glad
Thy moaning makes my heart full sad.
Baloo, my boy, thy mother’s joy
O ne’er may aught thy peace destroy,
Baloo, baloo, baloo, baloo
Baloo, baloo, lu-li-li-lu.

O’er thee I keep my lonely watch
Intent thy lightest breath to catch
O, when thou wak’st to see thee smile
And thus my sorrow to beguile.
Baloo, my boy, thy mother’s joy
O ne’er may aught thy peace destroy,
Baloo, my boy, lie still and sleep,
It grieves me sore to hear thee weep.

I dreamed a dream but yesternight
Thy father slain by traitor wight;
He, wounded, stood beside thy bed
His tears ran down upon thy head.
He spoke no word, but looked on me,
Bent low, and gave a kiss to thee!
Baloo, baloo, my darling boy
Thou’rt now alone thy mother’s joy.

Orpheus Caledonius (1725), alt.

Most sources identify Lady Anne Bothwell as the daughter of the Bishop of Orkney and the lover as her cousin, Colonel Alexander Erskine, son of the Earl of Mar. Uncertainty and variants regarding identity, story details, and the dates remain.

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W. B. Moonie

Slowly and very steadily (in three-bar rhythm)

S *mp*
Ba - loo, my boy, lie still and sleep, It

A *mp*
Ba - loo, ba - loo, my boy, lie still and sleep, It

T *mp*
Ba - loo, ba - loo, my boy, lie still, lie still and sleep, It

B *mp*
Ba - loo, my boy, lie still, lie still and sleep, It

8 *poco cresc.*
S grieves me sore to hear thee weep If

A *poco cresc.*
grieves me sore to hear thee weep If

T *poco cresc.*
grieves me sore to hear thee weep

B *poco cresc.*
grieves me sore to hear thee weep

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14 *poco dim.*

S thou'lt be si - - - lent I'll be glad Thy

A *poco dim.*
thou'lt be si - lent I'll be glad Thy

T *poco dim.*
If thou'lt be si - - - lent I'll be glad

B *poco dim.*
If thou'lt be si - lent I'll be glad Thy

20 *cresc. poco a poco*

S moan - ing makes my heart full sad. Ba - *f*

A *cresc. poco a poco*
moan - ing makes my heart full sad. Ba - *f*

T *cresc. poco a poco*
Thy moan - ing makes my heart full sad. Ba - *f*

B *cresc. poco a poco*
moan - ing makes my heart full sad. Ba - *f*

26 *mp*

S loo, my boy, thy moth - er's joy O *cresc.*

A *mp*
loo, my boy, thy moth - er's joy O *cresc.*

T *mp*
loo, Ba - loo, Ba - loo,

B *mp*
loo, Ba - loo, Ba - loo, O *cresc.*

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S *f* ne'er may aught thy peace de - stroy, *mf* Ba -

A *f* ne'er may aught thy peace, thy peace de - stroy, *mf* Ba -

T *f* O ne'er may aught thy peace de - stroy, *mf* Ba -

B *f* ne'er may aught thy peace, thy peace de - stroy, *mf* Ba -

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S loo, my boy, ba - loo, ba - loo, Ba -

A loo, my boy, ba - loo, ba - loo, ba - loo, Ba -

T loo, my boy, ba - loo, ba - loo, Ba -

B loo, my boy, ba - loo, ba - loo, Ba -

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S *p* loo, ba - loo, ba - loo, lu - li - li - lu.

A *p* loo, ba - loo, ba - loo, lu - li - li - lu.

T *p* loo, ba - loo, ba - loo, lu - li - li - lu.

B *p* loo, ba - loo, ba - loo, lu - li - li - lu.

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S *mp*
O'er thee I keep my lone - ly watch In -

A *mp*
O'er thee I keep my lone - ly watch In -

T *mp*
O'er thee, o'er thee I keep my lone - ly, lone - ly watch In -

B *mp*
O'er thee, o'er thee I keep my lone - ly watch In -

S ⁵⁶ *poco cresc.*
tent thy light - est breath to catch O,

A *poco cresc.*
tent thy light - est breath to catch O,

T *poco cresc.*
tent thy light - est breath to catch

B *poco cresc.*
tent thy light - est breath to catch

S ⁶² *poco dim.*
when thou wak'st to see thee smile And

A *poco dim.*
when thou wak'st to see thee smile And

T *poco dim.*
O, when thou wak'st to see thee smile

B *poco dim.*
O, when thou wak'st to see thee smile And

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68 *cresc. poco a poco*

S thus my sor - row to be - guile. Ba -

A thus my sor - row to be - guile. Ba -

T *cresc. poco a poco* And thus my sor - row to be - guile. Ba -

B *cresc. poco a poco* thus my sor - - - row be - guile. Ba -

74 *mp*

S loo, my boy, thy moth - er's joy O *cresc.*

A loo, my boy, thy moth - er's joy O *cresc.*

T loo, Ba - loo, Ba - loo,

B loo, Ba - loo, Ba - loo, O *cresc.*

80 *f* *mf*

S ne'er may aught thy peace de - stroy, Ba -

A ne'er may aught thy peace, thy peace de - stroy, Ba -

T O ne'er may aught thy peace de - stroy, Ba -

B ne'er may aught thy peace, thy peace de - stroy, Ba -

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S loo, my boy, lie still and sleep, It

A loo, my boy, ba - loo, lie still and sleep, It

T loo, my boy, lie still and sleep, It

B loo, my boy, lie still and sleep, It

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S grieves me, grieves me sore to hear thee weep.

A grieves me, grieves me sore to hear thee weep.

T grieves me, grieves me sore to hear thee weep.

B grieves me, grieves me sore to hear thee weep.

mp

S I dream'd a dream but yes - ter - night Thy

A I dream'd, I dream'd a dream but yes - ter - night Thy

T I dream'd, I dream'd a dream, a dream but yes - ter - night Thy

B I dream'd, I dream'd a dream but yes - ter - night Thy

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104 *poco cresc.*

S fa - ther slain by trai - tor wight; He,

A *poco cresc.*
fa - ther slain by trai - tor wight; He,

T *poco cresc.*
fa - ther slain by trai - tor wight;

B *poco cresc.*
fa - ther slain by trai - tor wight;

110 *poco dim.*

S wound - ed, stood be - side thy bed His

A *poco dim.*
wound - ed, stood be - side thy bed His

T *poco dim.*
He, wound - ed, stood be - side thy bed

B *poco dim.*
He, wound - ed, stood be - side thy bed His

116 *cresc. poco a poco*

S tears ran down up - on thy head. He

A *cresc. poco a poco*
tears ran down up - on thy head. He

T *cresc. poco a poco*
His tears ran down up - on thy head. He

B *cresc. poco a poco*
tears ran down on thy head. He

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S spoke no word, but looked on me, Bent

A spoke no word, but looked on me, Bent *cresc.*

T spoke no word, Bent low,

B spoke no word, no word, Bent *cresc.*

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S low, and gave a kiss to thee! Ba -

A low, and gave, and gave a kiss to thee! Ba -

T and gave, and gave a kiss to thee! Ba -

B low, bent low, and gave a kiss to thee! Ba -

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S loo, ba - loo, my dar - ling boy, Thou'rt

A loo, ba - loo, ba - loo, my dar - ling boy, Thou'rt

T loo, my dar - ling, dar - ling boy, Thou'rt

B loo, ba - loo, my dar - ling boy, Thou'rt

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S
now a - lone, a - lone thy moth - er's joy.

A
now a - lone, a - lone thy moth - er's joy.

T
now a - lone, a - lone thy moth - er's joy.

B
now a - lone, a - lone thy moth - er's joy.

p *mp* *ppp*

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