

SIX IRISH FOLKSONGS

No. 2. WHAT THE BEE IS TO THE FLOW'RET

(Air.-"The yellow garron")

(Op. 78)

Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

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Allegretto

Soprano

Alto

Tenor *mf*

Bass *mf*

What the bee is to the flow'r - et, When he looks for ho - ney dew

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S. *mf*

A.

T. *mf*

B. *p*

Thro' the leaves that close em - bow'r it, That, my love, I'll be to you, And

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S. *poco rall.*

A. *mf* *poco rall.*

T. *poco rall.*

B. *poco rall.*

what the bank, with ver - dure glow - ing, Is to waves that wan - der near,

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my love, I'll be to you,

my love, I'll be to you,

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S. *p* Whis - p'ring kiss - es while they're go - ing, *f* That I'll be to you, my dear. *dim.*

A. Whis - p'ring kiss - es, *p* That, *f* that I'll be, I'll

T. *p* Whis - p'ring, whis - p'ring kiss - es, *f* That, that I'll be, I'll

B. *p* Whis - p'ring, whis - p'ring kiss - es, *f* That, that I'll

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S. *mf* But they say the bee's a rov - er, That he'll fly when

A. *dim.* be to you, my dear. *mf* But they say the bee's a rov - er, That he'll fly when

T. *dim.* be to you, my dear.

B. *dim.* be to you, my dear.

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S. sweets are gone; And when once the kiss is o - ver, Faith - less brooks will

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T.

B.

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S. wan - der on, _____ will wan - der, wan - der on, _____

A. wan - der on, _____ will wan - der, wan - der, wan - der on, _____

T. *mf* Nay, nay, if flow'rs will lose their looks, if sun - ny banks will wear a - way, —

B. *mf* Nay, nay, if flow'rs will lose their looks, if sun - ny banks will wear a - way, —

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S. — Well, well, 'tis — but right that bees — and brooks should sip and — kiss — them *f* *dim.*

A. — Well, well, — Bees and brooks should sip and kiss them, *f* *dim.*

T. — Well, well, Nay, 'tis — but right that bees should sip and kiss them, *f* *dim.*

B. — Well, well, Nay, 'tis — but right that bees should sip and kiss them, *f* *dim.*

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S. while — they may, _____ while — they may. *p*

A. should sip — and kiss — them while — they may. *p*

T. should sip — and kiss — them while — they may. *p*

B. should kiss — them while — they may. *p*