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### Total S'iety

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**THE TOTAL S'IETY,**  
 A COMIC SONG,  
 Arranged for the  
**PIANO FORTE,**  
 And sung with great applause by  
**HENRY RUSSELL.**

BOSTON.  
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THE TENOR

This page contains ten staves of musical notation, likely for a tenor voice part. The notation is extremely faint and difficult to discern due to the age and staining of the paper. Each staff appears to begin with a clef and contains several measures of music. The paper is heavily discolored with brown spots and streaks, particularly along the right edge and in the center. A vertical crease or fold is visible down the middle of the page.

THE TOTAL SIETY.

H. RUSSELL.

QUASI ADAGIO.

Come listen kind gentlefolks all To a man of respectable station Whose

lately been blest with a call To lecture unto this whole nation The subject I've chosen

night I can broach with the greatest propriety 'Tis to get all my friends to u-

nite And join the teetotal society.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note 'n' and a dotted quarter note 'i' for 'nite', followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes for 'And join the teetotal society.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

2nd Verse.  
Once I took a great deal of strong drink Rum, Brandy, and all of that ere sir But it

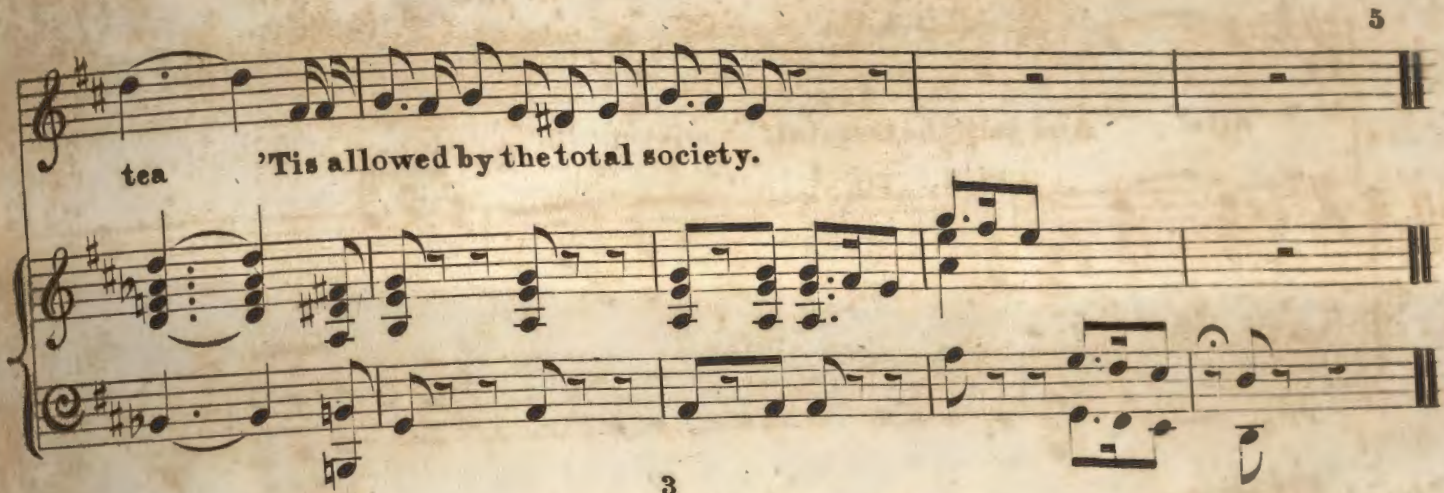
The second system begins with the label '2nd Verse.' The vocal line starts with a quarter note 'O' and a dotted quarter note 'n' for 'Once', followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes for 'I took a great deal of strong drink Rum, Brandy, and all of that ere sir But it'. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent eighth-note bass line and chords.

now gives me pleasure to think Alcohol I scarcely can bear sir Neither Wine Beer or Cider for

The third system continues the vocal line with a quarter note 'n' and a dotted quarter note 'o' for 'now', followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes for 'gives me pleasure to think Alcohol I scarcely can bear sir Neither Wine Beer or Cider for'. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the previous systems.

me But I do sometimes take a moiety Of Brandy mixt into my

The fourth system continues the vocal line with a quarter note 'm' and a dotted quarter note 'e' for 'me', followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes for 'But I do sometimes take a moiety Of Brandy mixt into my'. The piano accompaniment concludes the system with a final chord.



3

Should you ask why my nose looks so red  
 One gentleman there I see winking  
 Now to tell you the reason I dread  
 But it blushes to see so much drinking  
 Should your cheeks be as red as a rose  
 And you stick to the strictest sobriety  
 The colour will draw down in your nose  
 If you join the tetotal society.

4

In your limbs should you have any pain  
 Pour Rum on the part that's affected  
 Or Brandy internally for strains  
 For Rheumatism tis not rejected  
 You may always keep some in the house  
 Only use it with the strictest propriety  
 And keep it as strict as a mouse  
 'Tis allowed by the total society.

5

You've heard of the Hildeburg fight,  
 Of the Sheriff, the great men and small, Sirs  
 Whom the dutchman all put in a fright  
 Posse, Commitatus, and all Sirs  
 But now they've concluded the fight  
 And gone home with the greatest sobriety  
 Both sides are determined to do right  
 They've joined the total society.

6

One night I'd been lecturing hard  
 I felt that my breathing grew shorter  
 I found that some wag 'pon my word  
 Had put Gin in my pitcher of Water  
 I felt very faint I declare  
 For you must know, I'm the pink of sobriety.  
 I was carried home in an arm chair  
 By some members of the total society.

