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SECOND EDITION.

THE BLIND BOY.



*The sun, moon and stars, are to me undefined:
Oh! tell me what light is, 'tis blind! Oh! 'tis blind!*

POETRY BY

MISS HANNAM F. GOULD.

The Music composed and most cordially dedicated to

MRS. ARCHIBALD ROBERTSON,

(OF PHILADELPHIA) BY

WILLIAM R. DEMPSTER.

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GRAZIOSO È CON ESPRESSIONE.

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. It consists of four systems of music. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes the instruction "GRAZIOSO È CON ESPRESSIONE." written vertically. The second system features a crescendo (*Cres:*) leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic, followed by a decrescendo (*Dim:*). The third system starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The fourth system includes a *gra* marking with a dotted line and a final forte (*f*) dynamic. The score concludes with a double bar line.

* The Poetry of this song is altered from the original, and published by permission of the author.

Oh! tell me the form of the soft summer air, That toss-es so

p

gently the curls of my hair! It breathes on my lip, and it

Cres: *pp*

fans my warm cheek, Yet gives me no ans-wer, though oft - en I

Rall: un poco. *a tempo.*
colla voce. *Cres:* *f* *p*

speak. I feel it play o'er me re-fresh-ing and kind, Yet

fr *ora*
Leggiero. *f*

f Lento. ad lib: *fx*

I cannot touch it— I'm blind! Oh! I'm blind! Yet

loco. Lento. *colla voce.* *p* *f*

a tempo. Rall: ad lib: *p*

I cannot touch it I'm blind! Oh! I'm blind!

gra...

p *loco.*

gra... And *f*

Cres:

mu - sic, what is it? and where does it dwell? I sink, and I
loco.

Cres: *f* *p*
 mount with its cadence and swell; While touch'd to my heart with its

Cres: *f* *p*

Cres:
 deep thrilling strain, Till pleasure, till pleasure is turn - ing to

Cres: *f*

pain. What brightness of hue is with mu - sic com - bined? Will
tr *gra*

f

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f Lento. ad lib: *p* a tempo.

a - ny one tell me? I'm blind Oh! I'm blind! Will a - ny one

loco. Lento. colla voce. *f* *p* a tempo.

Rall: *p*

tell me I'm blind, Oh! I'm blind! *gra*

loco. *gra*

cres: *f*

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The perfumes of flowers that are hovering nigh—
 What are they? On what kind of wings do they fly?
 Are not they sweet angels who come to delight
 A poor little boy, that knows not of sight?
 The sun, moon, and stars are to me undefined.
 Oh! tell me what light is, I'm blind! Oh! I'm blind!

