



The Minstrel—boy

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(1855—?)

Henry Knight (1855-?) was born in London, England. He was an organist, choirmaster, and teacher of voice and harmony. He lived in Harringay and held positions or taught at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge; and Hendon. He composed church music, organ works, part songs and folk song arrangements. Many of his organ works were popular with harmonium players.

The Minstrel-boy to the war is gone,
In the ranks of death you'll find him;
His father's sword he has girded on,
And his wild harp slung behind him.
"Land of song!" said the warrior bard,
"Though all the world betrays thee,
One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard,
One faithful harp shall praise thee!"

The Minstrel fell! but the foeman's chain
Could not bring his proud soul under;
The harp he loved ne'er spoke again,
For he tore its chords asunder;
And said, "No chains shall sully thee,
Thou soul of love and bravery!
Thy songs were made for the pure and free,
They shall never sound in slavery!"

Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

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arr. Henry Knight

S *mf* The Min - strel - boy — to the war is gone, In the ranks of death — you'll

A *mf* The Min - strel - boy to the war is gone, In the ranks of death — you'll

T *mf* The Min - strel - boy — to the war is gone, In the ranks of death — you'll

B *mf* The Min - strel - boy to the war is gone, In the ranks of death — you'll

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S *cresc.* find him; His fa - ther's sword he has gird - ed on, And his wild harp slung — be -

A *cresc.* find — him; His fa - ther's sword he has gird - ed on, And his wild harp slung — be -

T *cresc.* find — him; His fa - ther's sword he has gird - ed on, And his wild harp slung — be -

B *cresc.* find — him; His — fa - ther's sword he has gird - ed on, And his wild harp slung — be -

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8 *f marcato*

S hind him. "Land of song!" said the war - rior bard, "Tho'

A hind him. "Land of song!" said the war - rior bard, "Tho'

T hind him. "Land of song!" said the war - rior bard, "Tho'

B hind him. "Land of song!" said the war - rior bard, "Tho'

11 *p dolce*

S all the world be - trays thee, One sword, at least, thy

A all the world be - trays thee, One sword, at least, thy

T all the world be - trays thee, One sword, at least, thy

B all the world be - trays thee, One sword, at least, thy

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S rights shall guard, One faith - ful harp shall praise thee!"

A rights shall guard, One faith - ful harp shall praise thee!"

T rights shall guard, One faith - ful harp shall praise thee!"

B rights shall guard, One faith - ful harp shall praise thee!"

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S *mf* The Min - strel fell! but the foe - man's chain Could not bring his proud — soul

A *mf* The Min - strel fell! but the foe - man's chain Could not bring his proud — soul

T *mf* The Min - strel fell! but the foe - man's chain Could not bring his proud — soul

B *mf* The — Min - strel fell! but the foe - man's chain Could not bring his proud — soul

S *cresc.* un - der; The harp he lov'd ne'er spoke a - gain, For he tore its chords — a -

A *cresc.* un - der; The harp he lov'd ne'er spoke a - gain, For he tore its chords — a -

T *cresc.* un - der; The harp he lov'd ne'er spoke a - gain, For he tore its chords — a -

B *cresc.* un - der; The — harp he lov'd ne'er spoke a - gain, For he tore its chords — a -

23 *f marcato* S sun - der; And said, "No chains shall sul - ly thee, Thou

A *f marcato* sun - der; And said, "No chains shall sul - ly thee, Thou

T *f marcato* sun - der; And said, "No chains shall sul - ly thee, Thou

B *f marcato* sun - der; And said, — "No — chains shall sul - ly — thee, — Thou

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S soul of love and brav - er - y! Thy songs were made for the

A soul of love and brav - er - y! Thy songs were made for the

T soul of love and brav - er - y! Thy songs were made for the

B soul of love and brav - er - y! Thy songs were made for the

p dolce

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S pure and free, They shall nev - er sound in slav - er - y!"

A pure and free, They shall nev - er sound in slav - er - y!"

T pure and free, They shall nev - er sound in slav - er - y!"

B pure and free, They shall nev - er sound in slav - er - y!"

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