



VICTORIAN WOMEN

Sweet Content

Clara Angela

Macirone

(1821-1914)

Sweet Content

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Arranged by George James Webb & William Mason

Allegro

Musical score for the first section of "Sweet Content". The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. It consists of four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The vocal parts sing in unison. The lyrics are: "Art thou poor, yet hast thou gold - en slum - - - bers? O". The dynamic marking "mf" is placed above the first staff.

Musical score for the second section of "Sweet Content". The music continues in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The vocal parts sing in unison. The lyrics are: "sweet con - tent! O sweet con - tent! sweet con - tent! Art thou". The dynamic marking "mf" is placed above the first staff. Measure numbers 5 and 6 are indicated above the staves.

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S Art thou rich, yet is thy mind perplex - èd? O
A Art thou rich, yet is thy mind per - plex - èd? O
T Art thou rich, yet is thy mind per - plex - èd? O
B rich, yet is thy mind per - plex - èd? O

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S pun - ish - ment, pun - ish - ment! Dost thou
A pun - ish - ment, pun - ish - ment! Dost thou
T pun - ish - ment, pun - ish - ment! Dost thou
B pun - ish - ment! Dost thou

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S laugh to see how fools are vex - èd To add to gold - en
A laugh to see how fools are vex - èd To add to gold - en
T laugh to see how fools are vex - èd To add to gold - en
B laugh to see how fools are vex - èd To add to gold - en

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S num - bers, gold - en num - bers? O sweet con -
A num - bers, gold - en num - bers? O sweet con -
T num - bers, gold - en num - bers? O sweet con -
B num - bers, gold - en num - bers? O sweet con -

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S tent! O sweet con - tent! O
A tent! O sweet con - tent! O
T tent! O sweet con - tent! O
B tent! sweet con - tent! O

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S sweet, O sweet con - tent! **2**
A sweet, O sweet con - tent! **2**
T sweet, O sweet con - tent! **2**
B sweet, O sweet con - tent! **2**

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Presto vivace

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S Work a - pace, a -

A Work a - pace, a - pace,

T Work a - pace, a - pace, a - pace,

B Work a - pace, a - pace, work, work a -

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S pace, work a - pace, a - pace, a - pace, work a - pace, a - pace, a -

A work, work a - pace, work, work a - pace,

T work, work a - pace, work, work a - pace,

B pace, work a - pace, work, work a - pace,

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S pace, _____ work a - pace, a -

A work, _____ work a - pace, a - pace, a - pace, a -

T work, work a - pace, a - pace, work, work a -

B work a - pace, a - pace, work a - pace, a - pace, work a -

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S pace, work a - pace, a - pace, a - pace, work a - pace; Hon - est

A pace, work a - pace, a - pace, a - pace, work a - pace; Hon - est

T pace, a - pace, work a - pace, a - pace; Hon - est

B pace, work a - pace, work, work a - pace; Hon - est

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S la - bour bears _____ a love - ly face,

A la - bour bears a love - ly face,

T la - Bour bears a love - ly face,

B la - Bour bears a love - ly face,

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

bears _____ a _____ love - ly face;

Alto (A) vocal line:

bears _____ a _____ love - ly face;

Tenor (T) vocal line:

bears _____ a _____ love - ly face;

Bass (B) vocal line:

bears _____ a _____ love - ly face;

Presto

Soprano (S): Then, then, then,
rall.

Alto (A): Then, then, then,
rall.

Tenor (T): - Then, then, then,
rall.

Bass (B): - Then, then, then,
rall.

Soprano (S) vocal line:

Hey non - ny, non - ny- hey non - ny, non - ny- hey non - ny, non - ny-

Alto (A) vocal line:

Hey non - ny, non - ny, no! hey non - ny, non - ny,

Tenor (T) vocal line:

Hey non - ny, non - ny, no! hey non - ny, non - ny-

Bass (B) vocal line:

Hey non - ny, no! _____ Then hey non - ny,

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Soprano (S): hey non - ny, non - ny - hey _____ non - ny, non - ny,
 Alto (A): no! hey non - ny, non - ny, non - - ny -
 Tenor (T): 8 hey non - - ny - hey non - ny, non - ny, non - - ny -
 Bass (B): no! hey non - - ny, non - - ny,

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Soprano (S): non - ny, no! Hey non - ny, non - ny -
 Alto (A): hey non - ny, no! Hey non - ny, non - ny -
 Tenor (T): 8 hey non - - ny, no! Non - ny, non - ny,
 Bass (B): non - ny, no! Then _____ hey non - - ny,

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cresc.

Soprano (S): hey non - ny, non - ny - hey non - ny, non - ny - hey non - ny, non - ny -
 Alto (A): hey non - ny, non - ny - hey non - ny, non - ny - hey non - ny, non - ny -
 Tenor (T): 8 no! Non - ny, non - ny, no! Non - ny, non - ny, no! Non - ny, non - ny -
 Bass (B): non - - - ny - hey non - - ny, non - - ny -

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Soprano (S): hey non - ny, non - ny, non - - - ny, non - ny,
 Alto (A): hey non - ny, non - ny, non - - - ny, non - ny,
 Tenor (T): hey non - ny, non - ny, non - - - ny, non - ny,
 Bass (B): hey non - ny, non - ny, non - - - ny, non - ny,

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Soprano (S): no! Hey non - ny, non - ny,
 Alto (A): no! Hey non - ny, non - ny, no!
 Tenor (T): no! Then hey non - ny, non - ny, hey non - ny, no!
 Bass (B): no! Then hey non - ny, non - ny, no!

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Soprano (S): hey non - ny, non - ny, hey
 Alto (A): hey non - ny, non - ny, no!
 Tenor (T): hey non - ny, non - ny, hey non - ny, no!
 Bass (B): Hey non - ny, non - ny, no!
 Hey non - ny, non - ny, Hey non - ny, non - ny, no!
 Hey non - ny, non - ny,

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S — non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, no! Hey non - ny, non - ny-

A non - ny- hey non - ny, no! Hey non - ny, non - ny-

T 8 non - ny- hey non - ny, no! Then,

B non - ny, non - ny, no! Then _____ hey non - ny,

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S hey non - ny, non - ny- hey non - ny, non - ny- hey non - ny, non - ny-

A hey non - ny, non - ny- hey non - ny, non - ny- hey non - ny, non - ny,

T 8 — then, then non - ny, non - ny.

B non - - - ny- hey non - ny, non - - - ny-

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S hey non - ny, non - ny, non - - - - ny, no!

A non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, no!

T 8 no! Non - ny, non - ny, no!

B hey non - ny, non - ny, no!

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Soprano (S): Hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, no!

Alto (A): Hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, no!

Tenor (T): Hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, hey non - ny, no!

Bass (B): Hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, ny - hey non - ny, no!

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Soprano (S): Hey non - ny, non - ny - hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, no!

Alto (A): Hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, ny, non - ny, no!

Tenor (T): Hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, ny, non - ny, no!

Bass (B): Hey non - ny, non - ny, non - ny, ny, non - ny, no!

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Clara Angela Macirone (1821-1914) was born in London, the daughter of Italian musicians. Her father was a singer and mother a pianist. She studied singing and piano at Royal Academy of Music. She built a reputation as a pianist, then as a teacher at the RAM, developing a system of music teaching that earned recognition by the eminent composer Sir George Macfarren. She was also active as a composer. Most of her compositions are part-songs. These achieved wide recognition through performances by massed choirs at the Crystal Palace and at Exeter Hall. Her part-song "Sir Knight" was the first music heard by Queen Victoria over the telephone in 1878. She died in London.

Art thou poor, yet hast thou golden slumbers?

O sweet content!

Art thou rich, yet is thy mind perplexed?

O punishment!

Dost thou laugh to see how fools are vex'd
To add to golden numbers golden numbers?

O sweet content!

Work apace, apace, apace, apace;
Honest labour bears a lovely face;
Then hey nonny nonny—hey nonny nonny, no!

From *The Pleasant Comœdy of Patient Grissill* (1603)
Thomas Dekker (1572–1632)

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