



An Old Man's Love-Song.

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VOICE. *p* *cres.*

1. Come to the faith ful arms Long - ing for thee!
2. Sing to me sweet and low, With thy dear voice;
3. Weep out thy sa - cred grief, Here on my heart:

PIANO. *Andantino.* *p* *cres.*

p *cres.* *f*

What are more youth - ful charms, Dar - ling, to me, Dar - ling to me?
Here in the fire's warm glow, Let us re - joice, Let us re - joice
Sweet was their stay, but brief, Soon to de - part, Soon to de - part;

* PED. * * PED. *

mezza.

Dear - er the lines of care On thy pure brow ; Wife with the snow - white hair,
 As when thou first didst come, Brightening my life— An - gel of heart and home,
 Still with the joy of old Breathe each loved name— They have but left the fold,

cres - - - cen - - - do.

Come to me now! Wife with the snow-white hair, Come, come to me now!
 Fond lit-tle wife! An - gel of heart and home, Fond, fond lit - tle wife!
 We did the same, They have but left the fold, We, we did the same.

ritard. e dim. tempo.

cres - - - cen - - - do.

p colla voce. tempo.

p poco agitato.

Kiss, dear, the cheek that lies
 Now that their wings have grown,
 E'en though they all are gone,

sf

Close, close to thine ; Raise, love, thy pa - tient eyes Fond - ly to
 Far from our nest ; All the young birds have flown— Dear - est and
 Smile, dar - ling, smile ! Think how each trea - sured one Lin - gered a -

p

cres.

mine— Eyes that have shone full bright For - ty long years—
 best ; Count - ing the lone - ly hours We two re - main—
 while ; Look up, dear wife, and say, Soft - ly with me,

cres.

PED. * PED. * PED. *

dim. e espress. *rit.*

Now is their ten - der light Fa - ded with tears, Now is their
 They have their crowns of flowers, We loss and pain, They have their
 "They have but flown a - way, Birds must be free!" They have but

dim. *colla voce.*

1st and 2nd verses. *last verse.*

ten - der light Fa - ded with tears.
 crowns of flowers, We loss and pain.
 flown a - way, Birds must be free!"

1st and 2nd verses. *last verse.*

tempo. *tempo.*

Sva

PED. *