

A Gem without a Flaw.

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Allegretto moderato.

PIANO. *mf*

p

1. I sought a clear un - blem - ished "gem," A "jew - el" choice and rare, To beau - ti - fy life's
 2. Re - flec - tion counsell'd - "Find a friend": A friend I sought and found; But craft brought friendship
 3. "The fit - test gem," my heart re - plied, "To wear in the crown of life, Is wo - man, good - ness

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di - a - dem, And shine re - splen - dent there. Where could I find the prize I sought? A -
 to an end: The "jew - el" proved un - sound. "If friends prove cal - lous and un - kind, And
 glo - ri - fied: Go, seek a wor - thy wife!" I did: I loved and was be - loved: Pure

cres. *f* *p* *rit.*

- las! none such I saw; Some cost - ly "gems" I might have bought, But none with - out a
 laugh at faith and law," I cried, "where may I hope to find A 'gem' with - out a
 love linked hands with law: I ask no more, my wife has proved A gem with - out a

cres. *f* *p* *rit.*

mf a tempo. *cres.* *f* *fz*

flaw!
 flaw?"

3rd verse.
 flaw!.....

mf *fz*

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