

# FOSTER'S MELODIES

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| 1. Why have my loved ones gone.      | 2. Little Jennie Dow.                |
| 3. A Penny for your thoughts.        | 4. Lizzie dies to-night.             |
| 5. Jenny's coming o'er the green.    | 6. I <u>will</u> be true to thee.    |
| 7. A dream of my Mother.             | 8. Better times are coming.          |
| 9. Merry little birds are we,        | 10. Was my brother in the battle?    |
| 11. Slumber my Darling:              | 12. The love I bear to thee.         |
| 13. There's no such girl as mine.    | 14. The're plenty offish in the sea. |
| 15. When this dreadful war is ended. | 16. Oh, why am I so Happy?           |
| 17. For the dear old Flag I die,     | 18. If you've only got a moustache.  |
| 19. My wife is a most knowing woman. | 20. Bury me in the morning, Mother.  |
| 21. Mr. & Mrs. Brown. (Comie Duett.) | 22. Leave me with my Mother,         |
| 23. Wilt thou be true?               | 24. When old friends were here.      |

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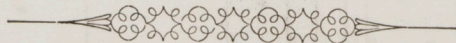
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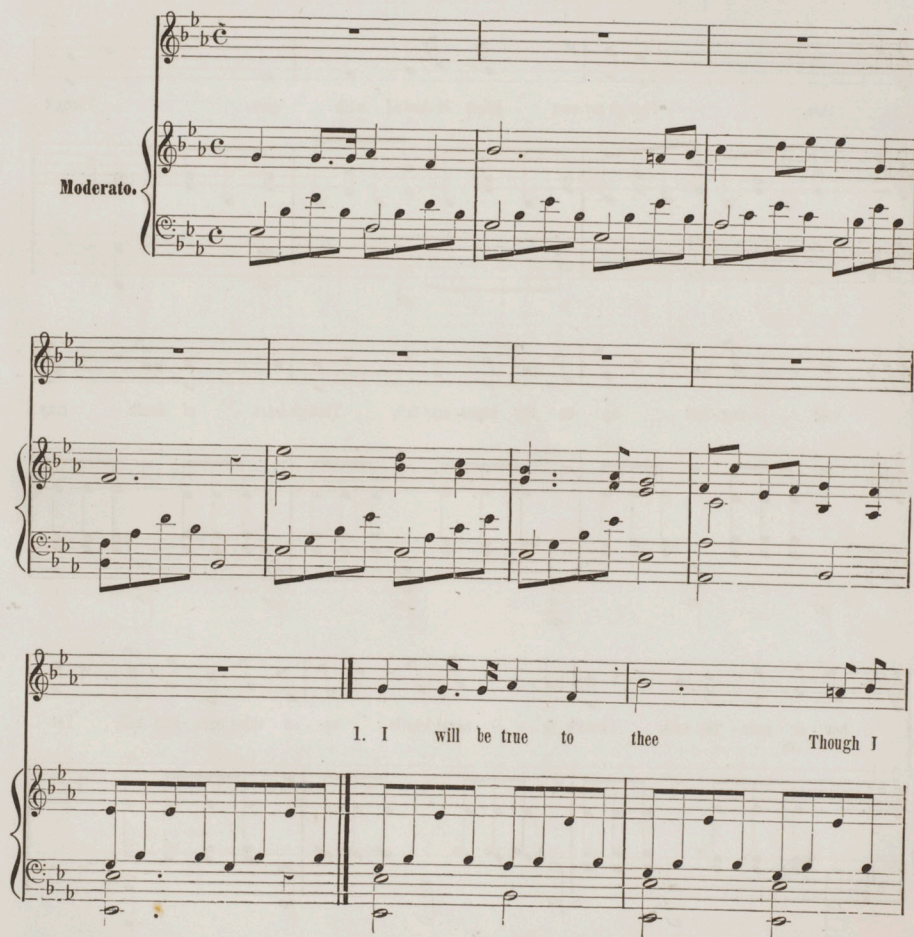


# I WILL BE TRUE TO THEE.



Written and composed by STEPHEN C. FOSTER.

Moderato.



The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system shows the piano introduction with a treble staff (melody) and a grand staff (bass and piano accompaniment). The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The third system introduces the vocal melody in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment continuing in the grand staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo marking 'Moderato.' is placed to the left of the first system.

1. I will be true to thee Though I

share in thy worst des - pair, I will be true to

thee, Though my own heart be bowed with care. Though

cold neg - lect up - on thy hopes may fall, Though fears of death may

hov - er near thy soul, Though fu - neral knells up - on thine ears may toll, Yet



I will be true to thee, I will be true to

thee,..... I will be true to thee.

2  
 I will be true to thee,  
 Though I roam in a far off land,  
 Whether on earth or sea,  
 In a bower or desert strand,  
 Though darkest clouds may mar the morning beams,  
 And vapors dull may settle on the streams,  
 Though blighting Time destroy thy fondest dreams,  
 Yet I will be true to thee.  
 I will be true to thee,  
 I will be true to thee.

3  
 I will be true to thee;  
 I will pray for thee night and day;  
 Wilt thou be true to me,  
 As in years that have rolled away?  
 When all thy childhood's dearest hopes have fled  
 And gloomy visions linger round thy head,  
 When all thy dear and early friends are dead,  
 Then I will be true to thee.  
 I will be true to thee,  
 I will be true to thee.



