

4. There's a Colleen Fair as May

For Men's Chorus and Piano

English version by Dr. Petrie
from *The Minstrelsy of Ireland* (1897)

Arr. Bruce Trinkley

Andante con moto ♩ = 84

Tenor 2

Piano

mp *p*

con pedale

There's a ___

3 *pp*

Oo _____

col-leen fair as May, for a year and for a day, I have sought by ev'-ry way her heart to gain. _____ There's no ___

pp

Oo _____

pp

Oo _____

3 *mp*

7

Oo _____ If to

art of tongue or eye fond youths with maid-ens try, but I've tried with cease-less sigh, yet tried in vain. _____ If to

Oo _____ If to

Oo _____ If to

7

p *mf*

11

France or far-off Spain she'd cross the wa - t'ry main, to see her face a - gain, the seas I'd brave. _____

France or far-off Spain she'd cross the wa - t'ry main, to see her face a - gain, the seas I'd brave. _____ And _____

France or far-off Spain she'd cross the wa - t'ry main, to see her face a - gain, the seas I'd brave. _____

France or far-off Spain she'd cross the wa - t'ry main, to see her face a - gain, the seas I'd brave. _____

11

p

15

mp

Oo... Oh thou...
if tis heav'n's de-cree that mine she may not be, may the Son of Ma-ry me in mer-cy save... Oh thou...
Oo... Oh thou...
Oo... Oh thou...
cantando
mp

19

love-ly mourn-ing dove, to whom I give my love, do not ev-er thus re-prove my con-stan - cy... There are...
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mp

23
8
maid - ens would be mine, with wealth in land and kine, if my heart would but in - cline to turn from
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23

26
8
thee. But a kiss with wel - come bland, and touch of thy fair hand, are
thee. But a kiss with wel - come bland, and touch of thy fair hand, are

mf

mf

26
8
poco marcato
mf

29
8
all that I de - mand, o do not spurn. For if not mine, dear girl, oh,
all that I de - mand, o do not spurn. For if not mine, dear girl, oh,

mp

mp

29
8
dolce
mp

32

lust - rous snow - white pearl! May I nev - er from the fair with life re -

lust - rous snow - white pearl! May I nev - er from the fair with life re -

34

slower
espressivo

turn. May I nev - er from the fair with life re - turn.

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espressivo

slower