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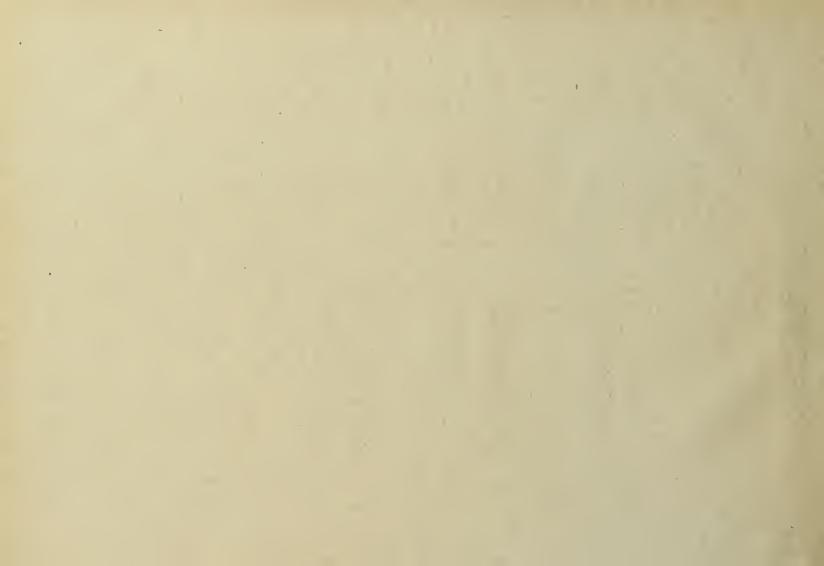
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DIRECTIONS.

The Cantata of the "Fairy Bridal" was originally composed for a class of young ladies, and consequently confined to two parts, viz. soprano and alto voices. Even thus cramped, it met with much favor. The author, however, desirous that it should throw off its juvenile character, made an accompaniment of bass and tenor; simple, it is true, yet presenting a fuller harmony.

Of course the teacher will use his own judgment in the selection of voices to compass the various parts; but it is suggested that, as *Tilania's* music ranges, in some instances, full two octaves, a mezzo soprano of a bold and brilliant quality should be selected. Should the cantata be needed for a Female Seminary, where bass or tenor voices cannot be procured, the part of *Oberon* may be taken by a good *alto*, and *Puck* likewise. The *bass* of the pianist or director may be used in all the choruses. It is particularly needed in the solo of the *Storm Spirit*.

The stage should be decorated with evergreens, representing a fairy grove and grotto as nearly as possible. The dresses should be characteristic, particularly those of *Night*, *Aurora*, the *Gnomes*, and the *Water Fairies*, the latter being composed of the most juvenile portion of the class.

The Chorus should enter during the introduction preceding the first chorus; the other characters at their proper periods.

CHARACTERS REPRESENTED.

Titania, Soprano. Oberon, Tenor or Alto. Puck, Bass or Alto. Gnome King, Bass or Alto. Moonshine, Soprano. Peachblos. som, Alto. Sunbeam, Soprano. Ripple, Soprano. Starlight, Alto. Dewdrop, Soprano Zephyr, Soprano. Three Fuiries of the Mist, 1st and 2nd Soprano and Alto. Storm Spirit, Bass.

Speaking characters, Night, Aurora and Water Fairy.

THE FAIRY BRIDAL.

Scene represents a grove and grotto with a flowery bank. Stage dark. Soft organ or melodeon music. Night enters, clothed in a black dress, studded with stars.

NIGHT. Awake, ye sleepers! Lo! the rosy streak
That hangs upon Aurora's youthful cheek.
The cricket's song no longer greets the ear
Of the dull owlet. See, night's dewy tear
Hangs on the cowslip, panting for the sun,
That gives new life to all he shines upon.
Ye winged Fays that dwell in flow'rets' cup,
And, like the bee, drink its heart's nectar up,
Come forth! Ye gnomes, from caverns damp,
Where burns for aye the mystic meteor lamp,
Awake! come forth! while sombre Night retires,
And, one by one, puts out the heavenly fires.

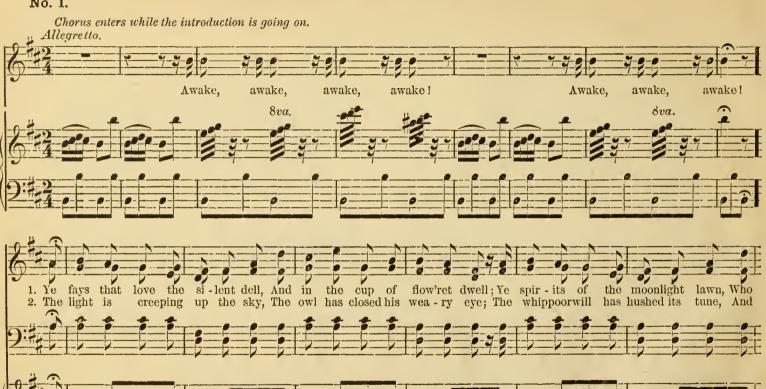
Your Fairy Queen to-day resigns her hand To Oberon, the proudest of the Fairy-land. Aurora cnters opposite. (Gas turned on.)

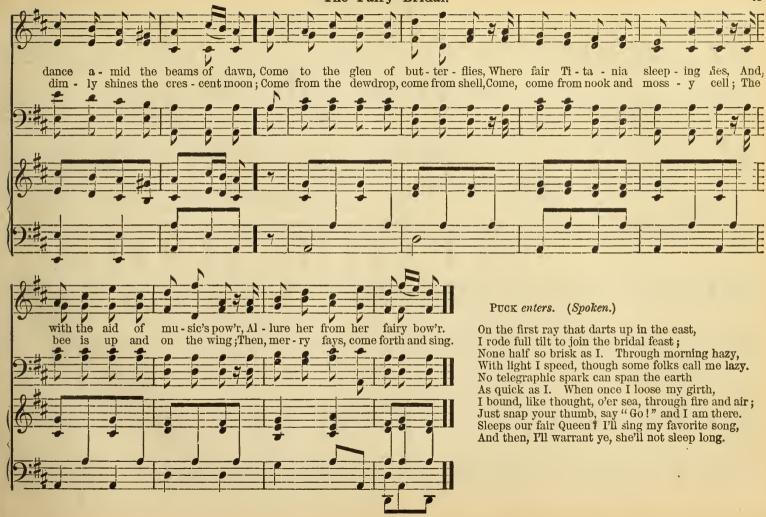
AURORA. Back, gloomy Night! put out each twinkling light!
Aurora rises o'er the mountain height,
Decked in her robes of gold and crimson hue,
While the proud sun peers up the dome of blue,
And gladdens nature, giving life to all
That shrank beneath thy cold and sable pall.
Back to thy cave! Aurora bright appears,
And sips from every flower night's dewy tears.

(They retire.)

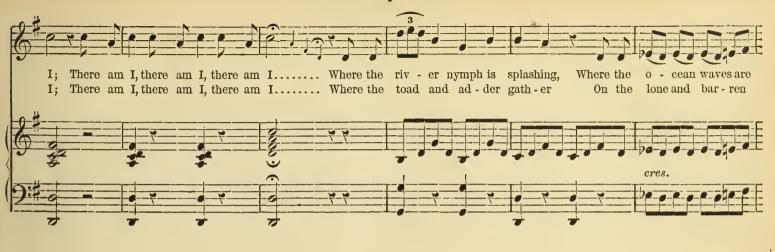


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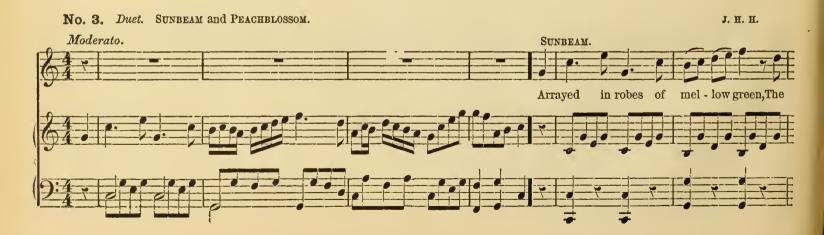


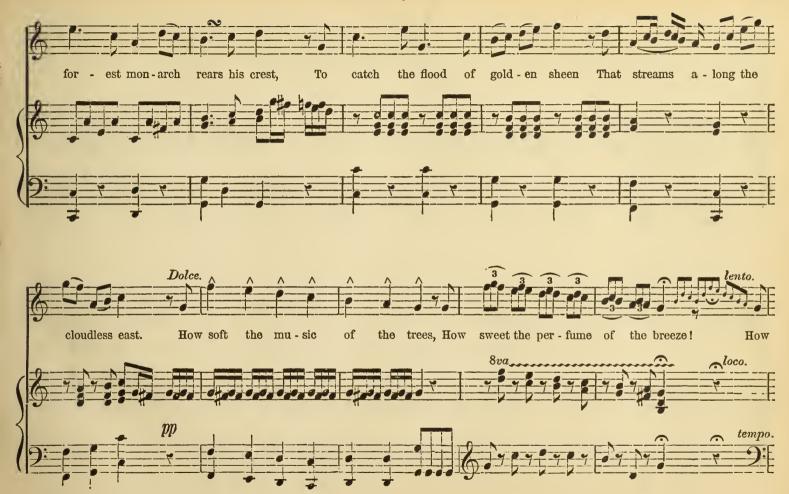




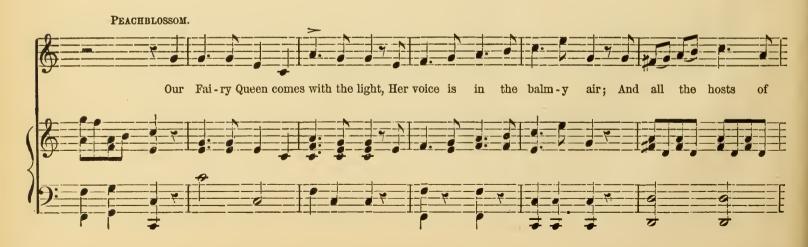


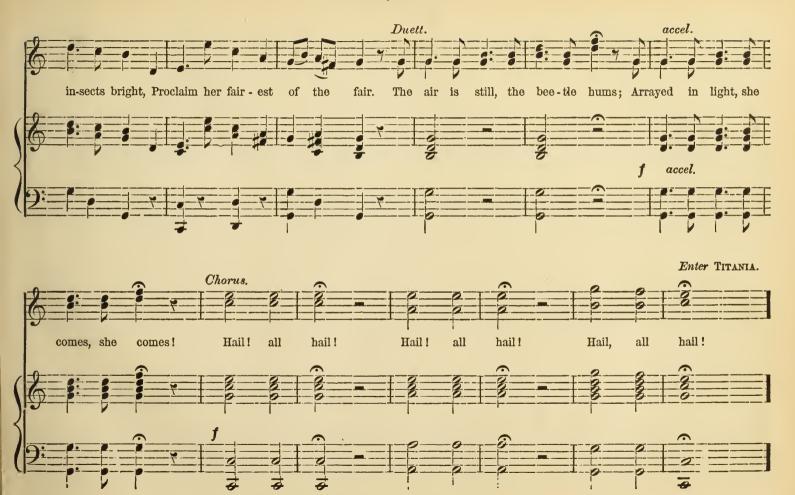


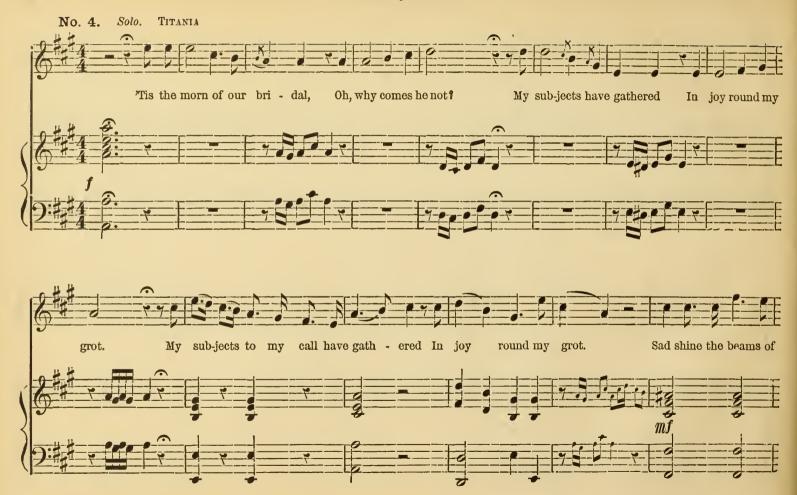


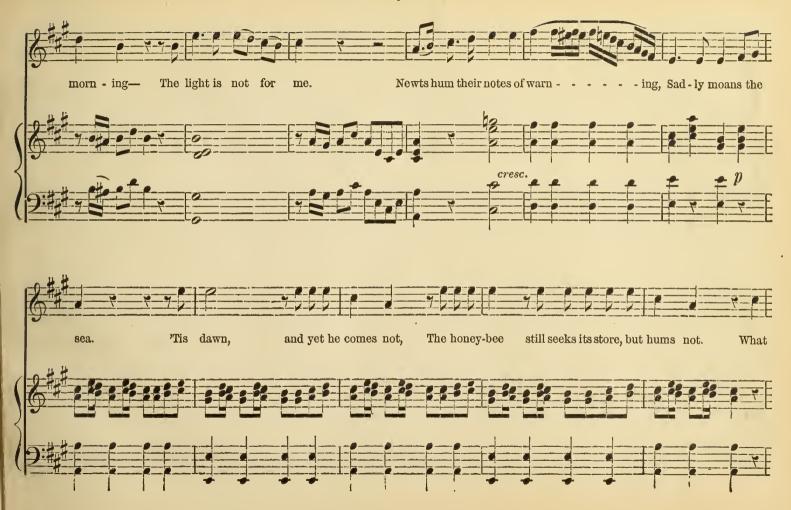


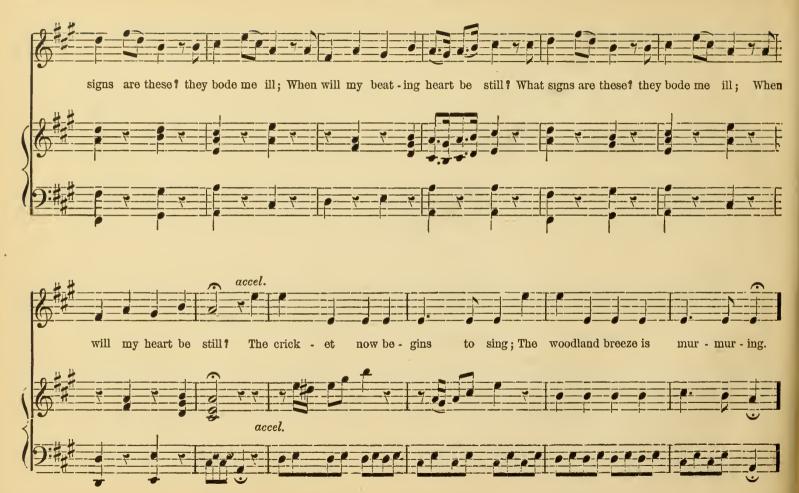


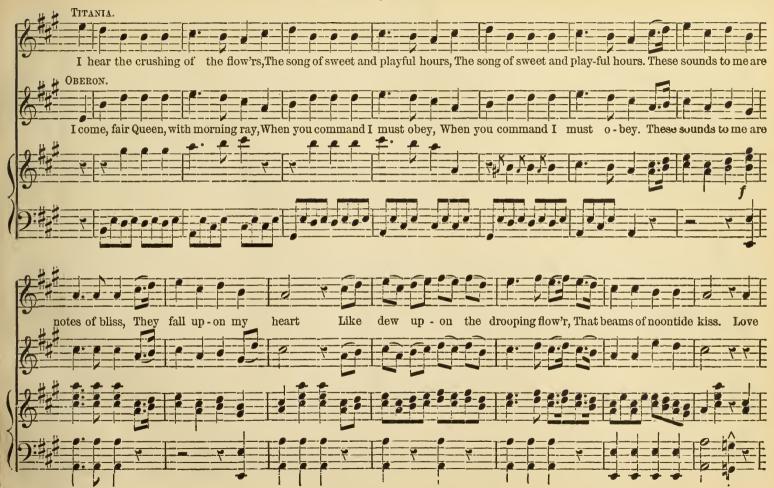




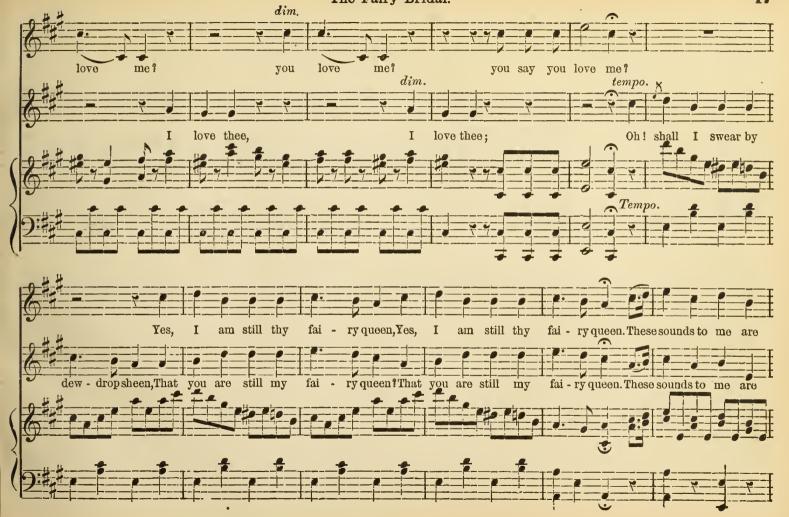




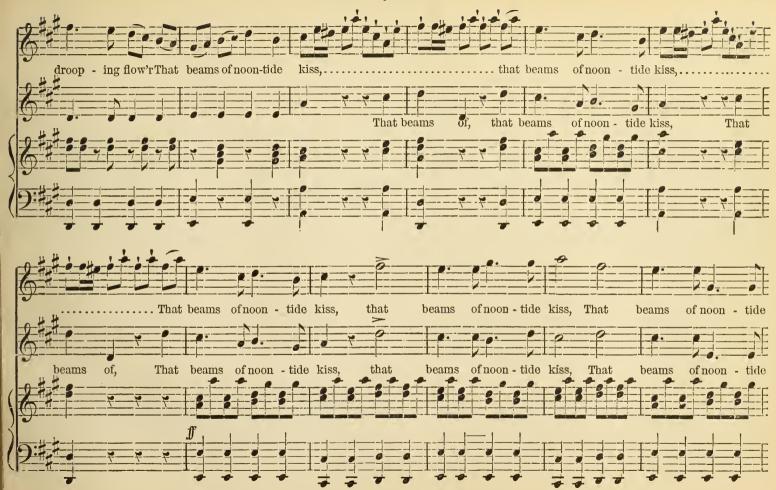














TITANIA. (Spoken.)

Why did ye tarry? Love hath active wings;
Thine are the drone's, which to some heath-flower clings,
Sips its stale sweets, —then, passing slow along,
Sings to some other flow'r a whining song.
I'm angry with ye.

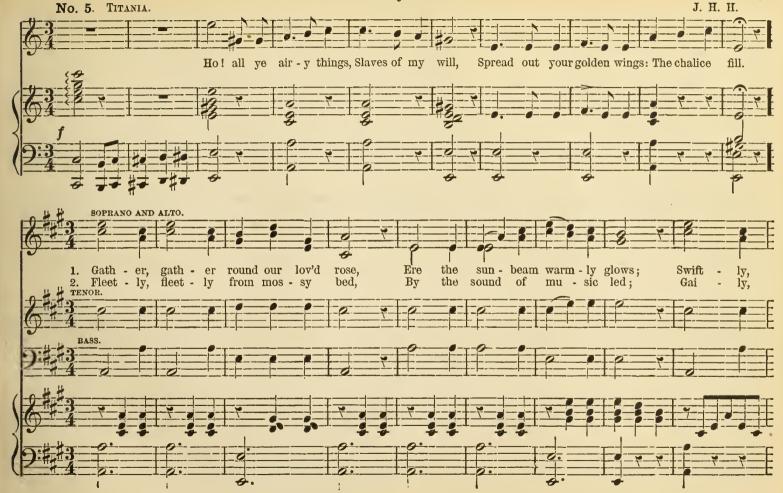
OBERON.

Nay, my lovly Queen,
I hurried o'er the fields and meadows green
With lightning speed, and, thinking of thy smiles,
When, lo— a spider caught me in his toils.

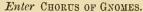
In vain I strove to break the silken chain, One pinion freed, its mate was bound again. At length, a beetle broke my prison bars, And I once more rose up toward the stars.

TITANIA.

'Tis well. The world is full of cunning traps,
To which fool-hardy men owe their mishaps;
We all spin webs to catch the foolish fly
That sports its gaudy wings while passing by.
I've spun my net—, and, round thee now I draw
The chain that binds thee to me evermore.





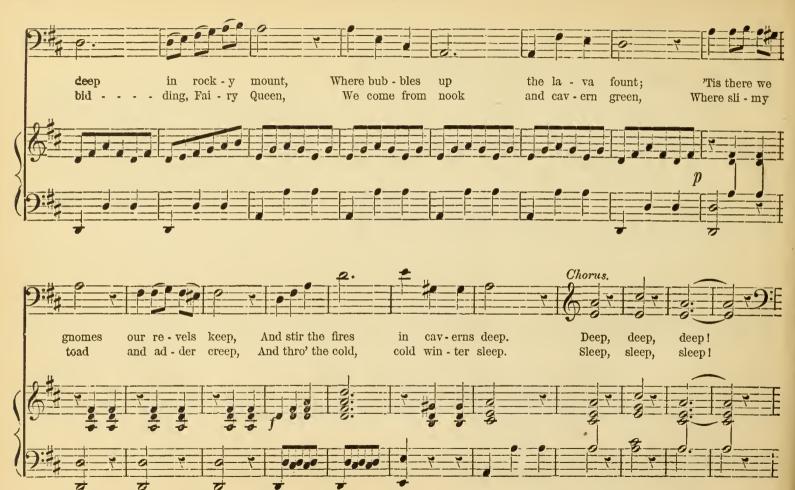




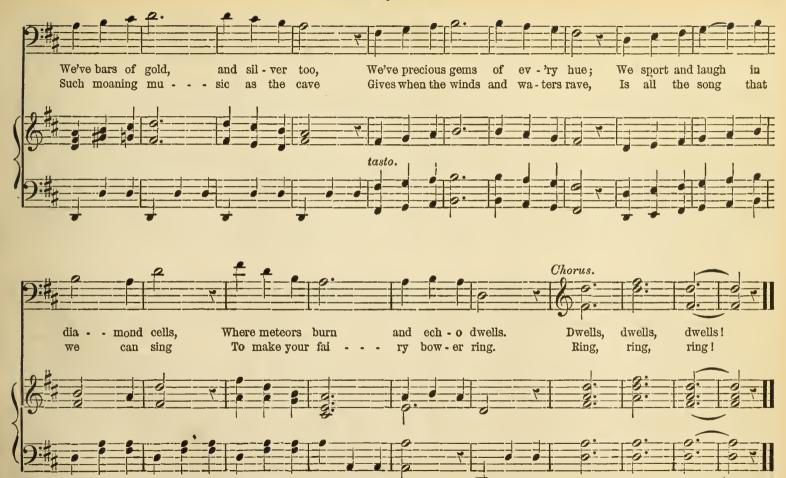
GNOME KING. (Spoken.)

Where mighty mountains tower above the vales, In caverns deep, where toads and slimy snails Crawl amid precious ores, we fairies dwell, And make wild music for the forest dell. We stir the fires that melt the golden ore That makes men rich. Our lusty hammers roar On the huge anvil, while we fashion things That crush the poor and prop the power of kings We come, O Queen, in rough, uncouth array, At your command. Your slaves,—we must obey!





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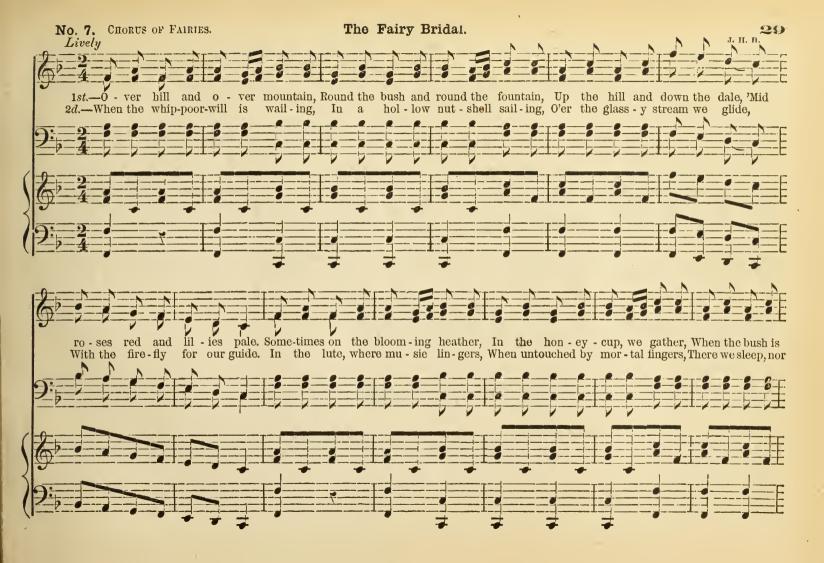


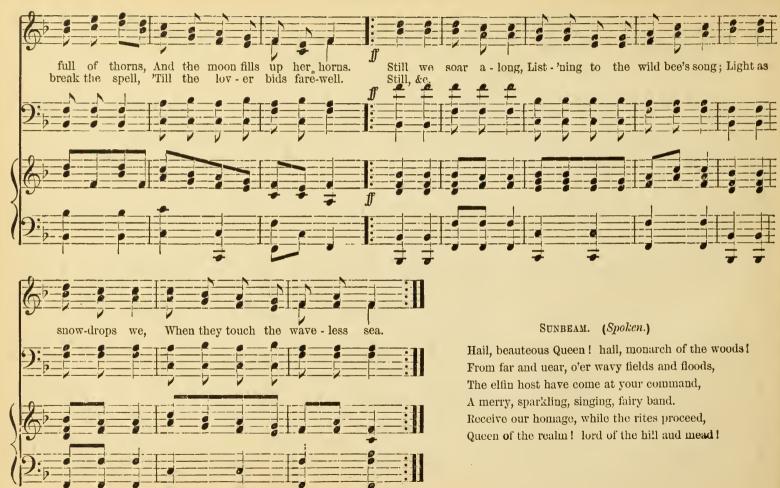


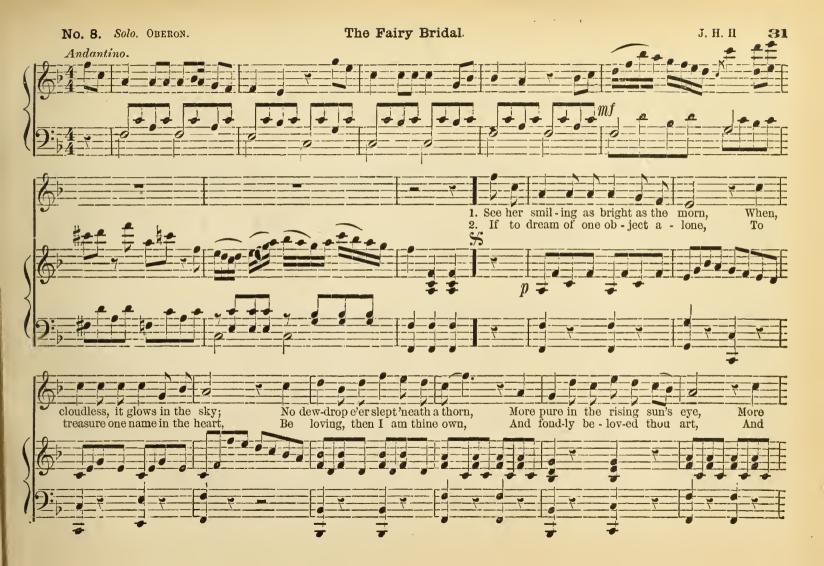












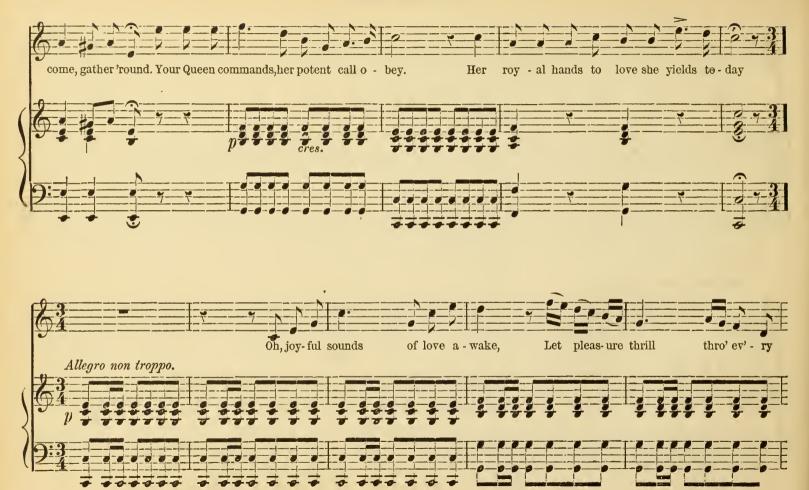




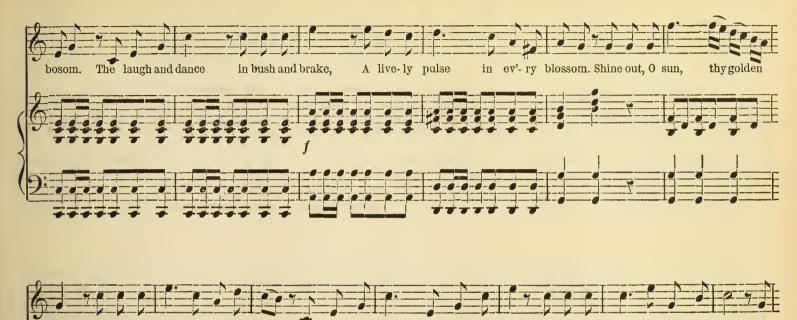








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Give joy to ev'-ry liv-ing thing; While half the world is wrapp'din dreams, Be ours the

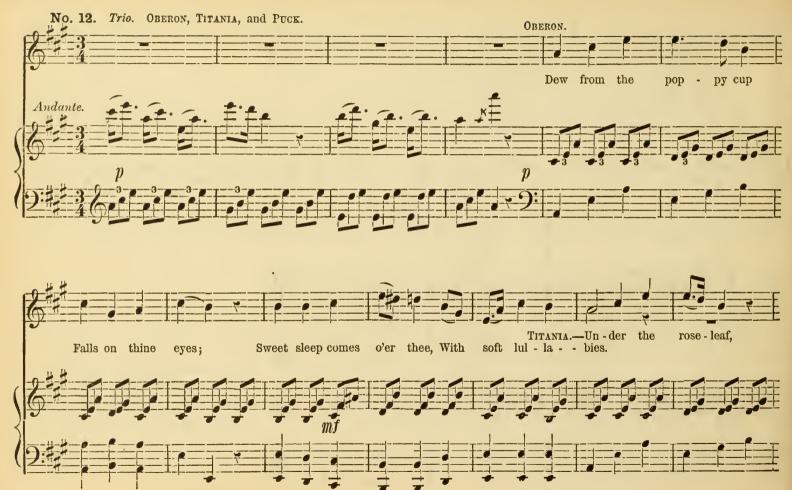






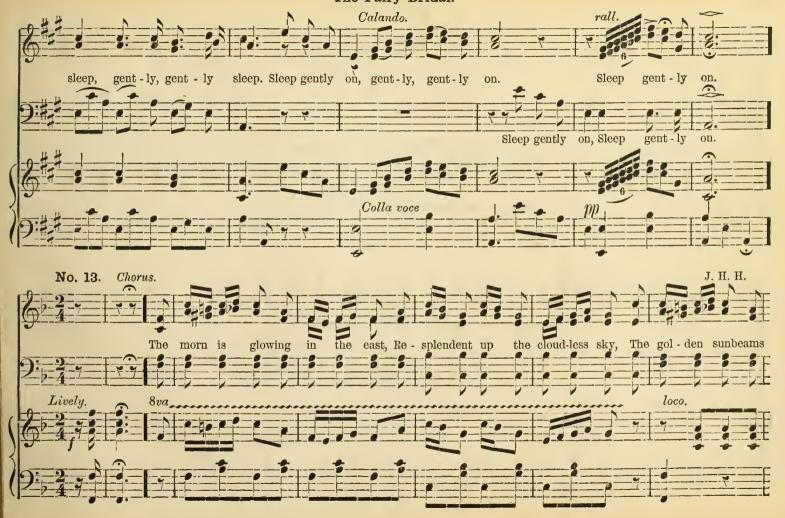


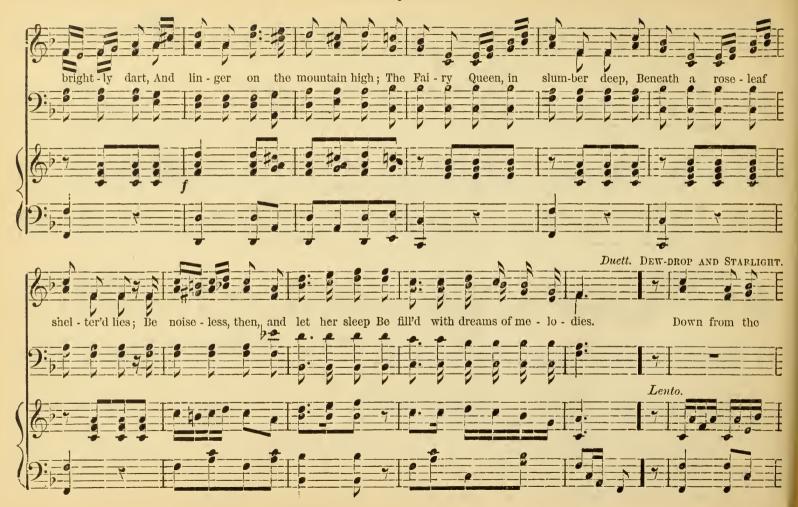


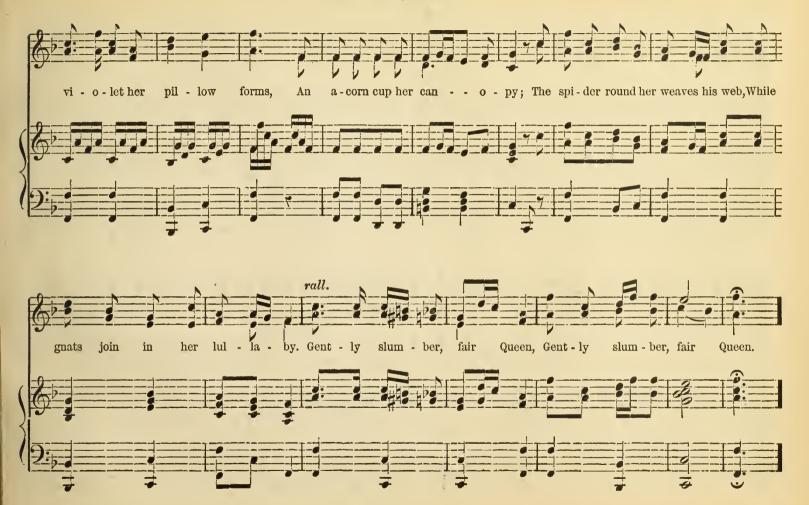


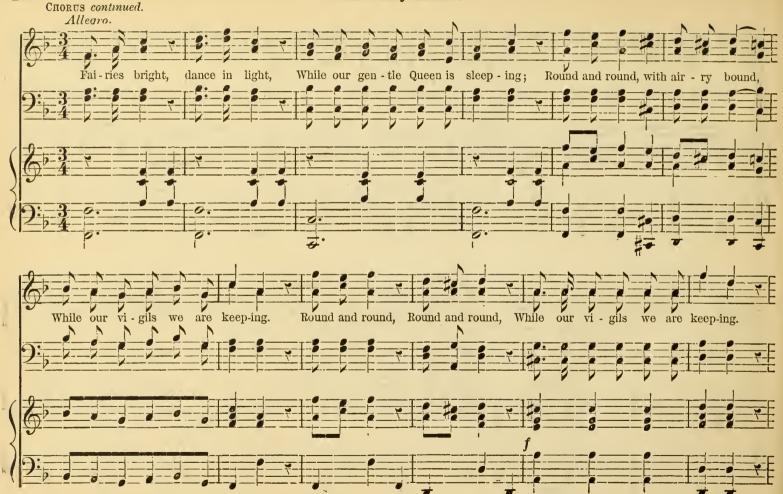


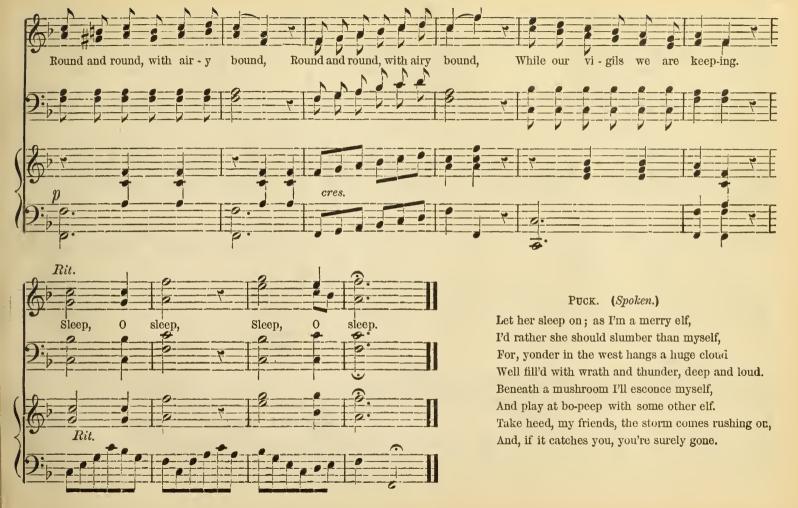


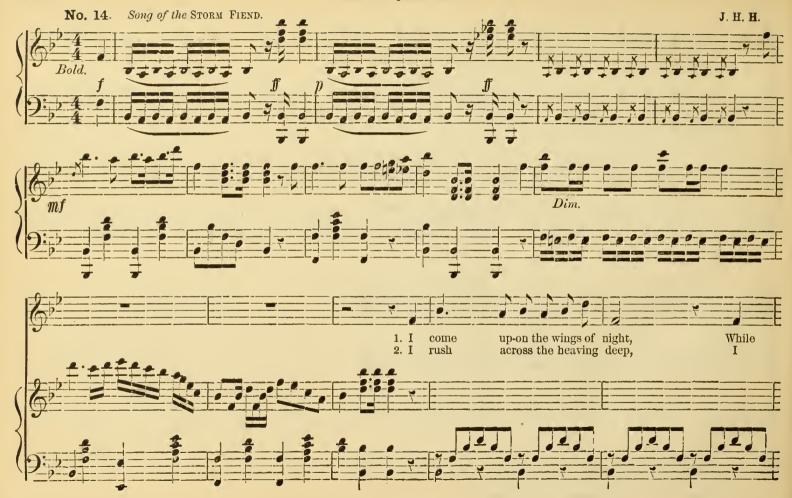




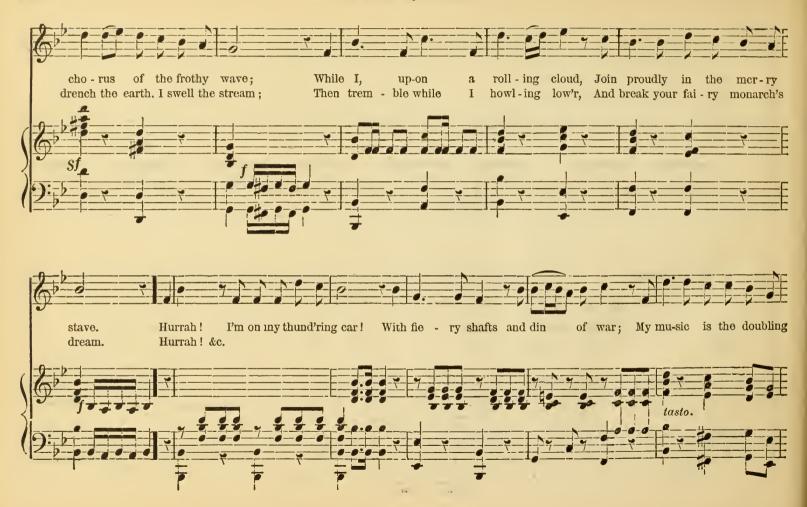


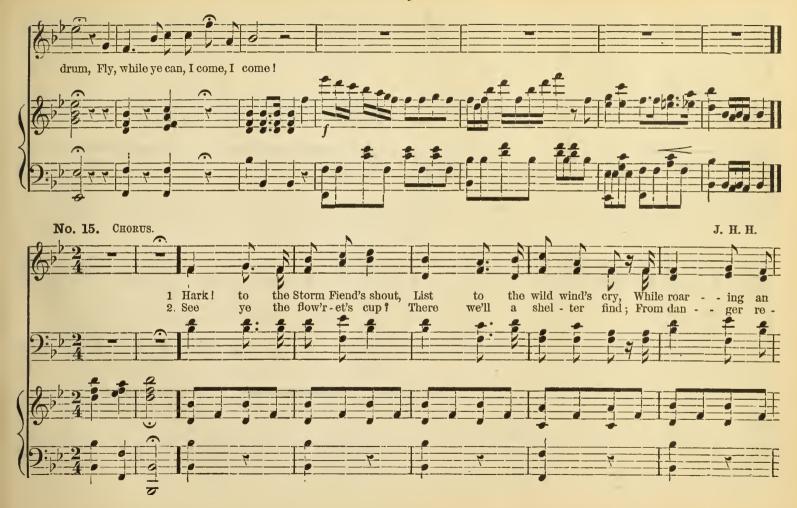






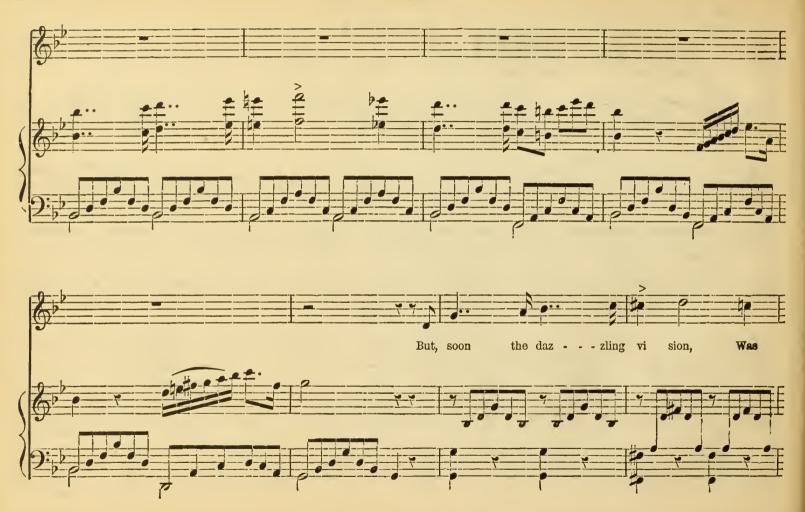




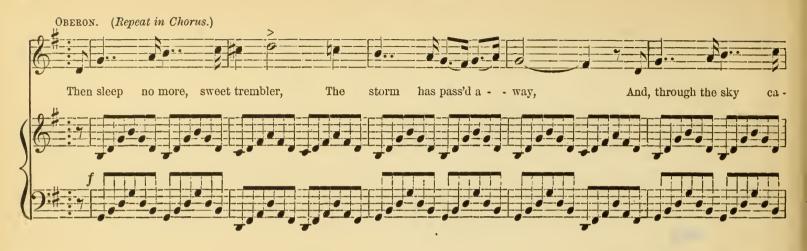














MOONSHINE. (Spoken).

The sun hath set beneath a golden cloud, And twilight throws o'er earth its purple shroud;

The birds have ceased to sing—the cricket's

Is heard amid the heath-grass far away. And now dark night again broods o'er the scene,

Turning to black the woodland's hue of green;

And, lo! the moon, in all her majesty, Rises above the mirror of the sea. So pale, and yet so beautiful she looks While looking down upon a thousand

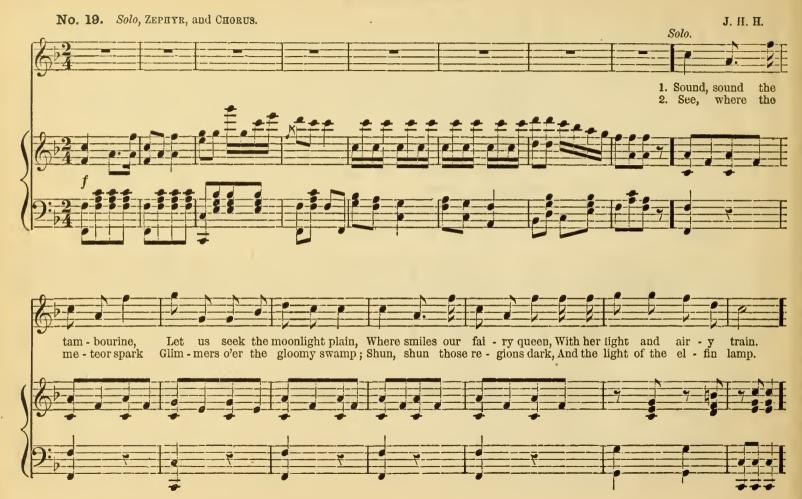
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Fairies, come forth and frolic in her light— The earth's cold bride, the Princess of the night.



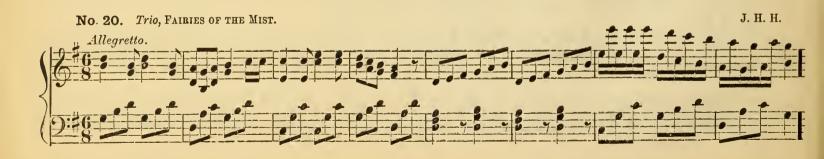






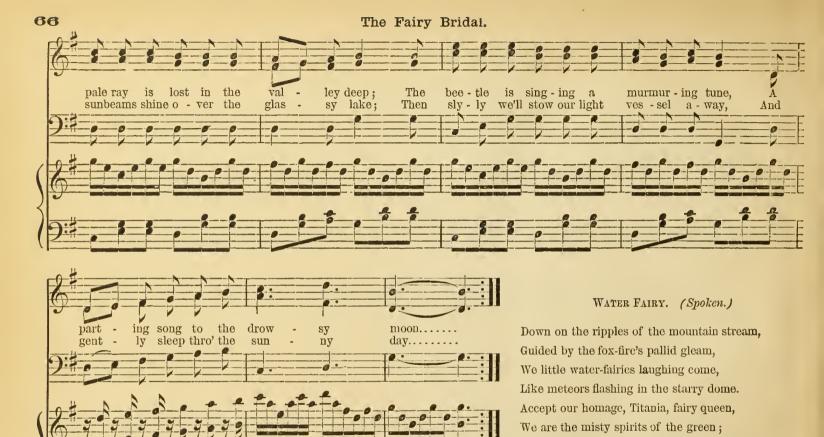






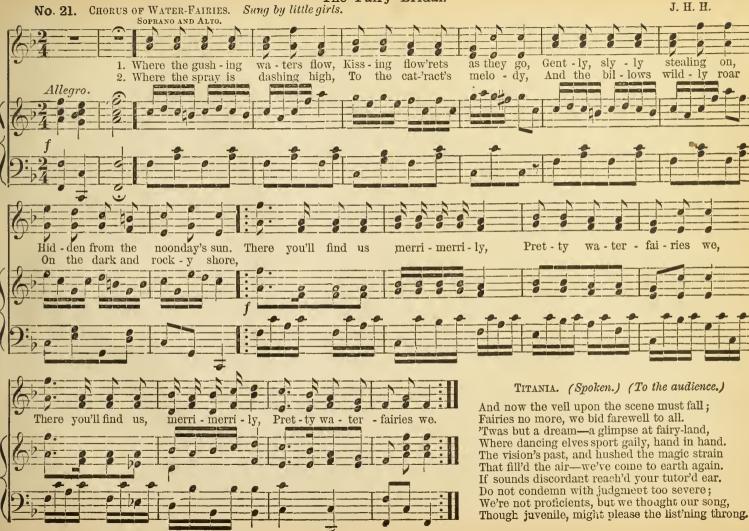


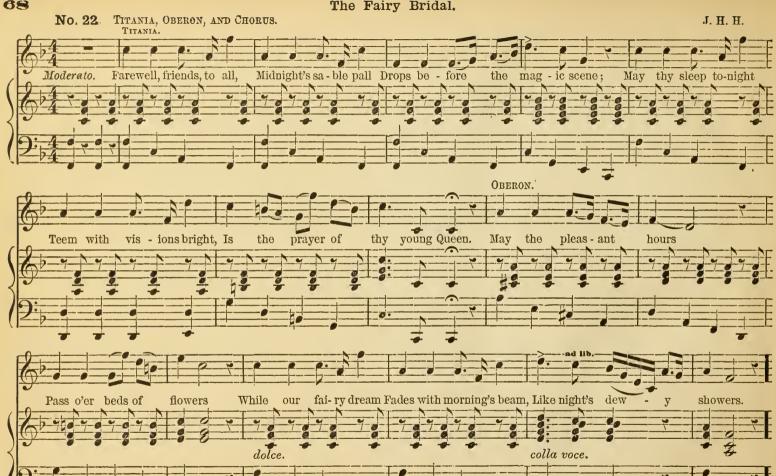




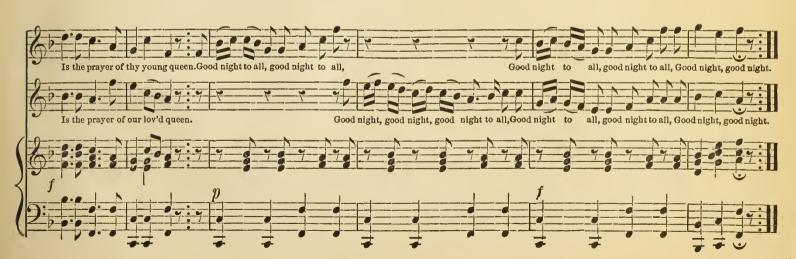
Wing'd dew-drops, floating in the purple air;

Where wavelets dance and laugh—our home is there.















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