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**IF I WERE A VOICE**

SUNG BY  
**ABBY HUTCHINSON**

at the Concerts of the  
**HUTCHINSON FAMILY.**

MUSIC COMPOSED & RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO  
**Miss Louisa M. Patch.**

BY  
**JUDSON.** *Hutchinson*

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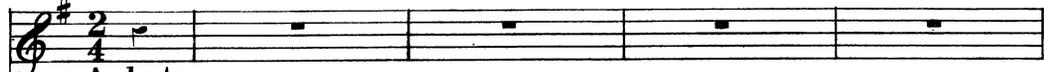
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by  
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sung by  
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VOICE. 

Andante.

PIANO. 

*p* *cres.*



*dim* *If*

I were a voice, a per - sua - - - sive voice, That could



tra - vel the wide world through, I would



fly on the beams of the morn - ing light, And



speak to men with a gen - - tle might, And



tell them to be true.



I would fly, I would fly, ov-er

land and sea, Where ev-er a hu - - man heart might

be, Tel - ling a tale, or sing - ing a song, In

praise of the right, in blame of the wrong. If I were a

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If I were a voice, a convincing voice,  
 I'd fly on the wings of air;  
 The homes of Sorrow and Guilt I'd seek  
 And calm and truthful words I'd speak,  
 To save them from despair.  
 I would fly, I would fly, o'er the crowded town,  
 And drop like the happy sunlight down  
 Into the hearts of suffering men,  
 And teach them to look up again.

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If I were a voice, a consoling voice,  
 I'd travel with the wind,  
 And when ever I saw the nations torn  
 By warfare, jealousy, spite or scorn,  
 Or hatred of their kind, —  
 I would fly, I would fly, on the thunder crash,  
 And into their blinded bosoms flash,  
 That ray of hope that cheers the mind,  
 And leaves no trace of grief behind.