

To
Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.
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Andante Affettuoso.

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, marked *Andante Affettuoso* and *P*. The right hand features a melodic line with slurs and accents, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

The vocal melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment is shown below the lyrics. The lyrics are:

I. All things beau - teous for his slum - ber! Lil - ies,
 II. He was ev - er beau - teous, gen - tle, In his
 III. Shall earth try to soothe that sor - row? For the

lift your cups of love, Brimm'd with morn - ing's dew - y
ways and in his eyes, Fill'd with a pro - phet - ic
rest ones words are vain; Smiles a - while my wreath the

Poco Ritard.

me - tary, For the ten - der guardian - dove! Ro - ses, here like ben - e -
splen - dor Steam - ing in them from the skies; But we did not note the
spi - rit, But the tear will flow a - gain; Com - fort on - ly comes from

Colla Voce. *Dim.* *p*

p

die - tions In the breath of sum - mer wave; Sym - bol -
warn - ing - Saw not what the an - gels gave; Therefore
Hea - ven; Still we hear the words He gave - "Come un -

p

rain - bows, lin - ger gen - tly *Rall.* o - ver lit - tle Wil - lie's grave!
 there is quenchless sor - row o - ver lit - tle Wil - lie's grave!
 to me lit - tle chil - dren, o - ver lit - tle Wil - lie's grave!

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Tender mother, glorious father,
 Keeping still our Nation true
 On the Constitution's mountain,
 Here the Nation weeps with you.
 We have also lost our kindred,
 Yet the immortal amaranth wave,
 Bled by His sweet consolation,
 Over little Willie's grave!

* This verse may be omitted at the pleasure of the singer.