

# THE MISTLETOE BOUGH

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**Allegretto***p*

1. The mis-tle-toe hung in the cas tle hall, The hol-ly branch'shone on the  
 2. "I'm wea-ry of dan cing now," she cried, "Here tar-ry a mo-ment, I'll

*mf*

old— oak wall, And the Ba - ron's re - tain - ers were blithe and gay, And  
 hide,— I'll hide, And Lo - vel, be sure thou'rt the first to trace The



keep - ing their Christ - mas hol i day. The Ba - ron be - held with a  
 clue to my se cret lurk ing place?" A way— she ran, and her

*mf*

fa - ther's pride, His beau - ti - ful child, young Lo vel's bride, While  
 friends be - gan Each tow - er to search and each nook to scan, And

she with her bright eyes, seem'd to be, The star of the good - ly  
 young Lo - vel cried, "Oh where dost thou hide! I'm lone-some with-out thee, my

rall.                    a tempo                    D.S.

com - pa - ny. }        own dear bride." }        Oh! the mistletoe bough,        Oh! the mistletoe bough!

*m f agitato*  
 3. They sought her that night and they sought her next day, And they

sought her in vain, till a week pass'd a-way, In the high-est, the low-est, the  
*espress.* a little slower  
lone - li-est spot, Young Lo-vel sought wildly but found her not, And years flew by, and their  
grief at last Was told as a sor-row-ful tale... long past; And when Lo-vel ap-peard the  
*ad lib.*  
*pp*  
chil-dren cried, "See! the old man weeps for his fai-ry bride! Oh! the mis-tle-toe  
*pp colla voce*  
bough! Oh! the mis-tle-toe bough! 4. At

The musical score consists of six staves of music. The top two staves are for the piano, with the right hand playing melody and the left hand providing harmonic support. The bottom four staves are for the voice, with lyrics written below them. The first two staves of the voice part are in common time, while the subsequent staves are in 6/8 time. The vocal entries are punctuated by piano chords. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'espress.', 'a little slower', 'ad lib.', 'pp', and 'pp colla voce'. The lyrics describe a young man named Lovel searching for his lost love in various locations, eventually finding her at a mistletoe bough, which causes children to cry and adults to weep.

length an oak chest that had long laid hid, Was found in the castle—they rais'd the lid And a

*f* *f* *f* *f*

ske - le - ton form lay mould'ring there In the bri dal wreath of the la - dy fair! Oh!

*p* *p*

sad was her fate! In sport - ive jest ... She hid from her lord in the old oak chest It

*p* *p* *p* *p*

clos'd with a spring! and her bri dal bloom Lay wither-ing there in a liv - ing tomb.

*p p e sostenuto*

Oh! the mis-tle-toe bough!      Oh! the mis-tle-toe bough.

