



THE LAKE SPIRIT'S SONG*

Being N^o 6 of

"Songs of the Swire"

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Andantino
ma non
troppo.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 6/8. The tempo is marked 'Andantino ma non troppo'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand. The vocal line enters in the second measure. The lyrics are: 'Come to the lake of the Dismal Swamp, I wait in my light ca - noe, The pale moonbeams dim my fire - fly lamp, And my drink is the midnight dew. The ghost of the war - ri - or chief I see, And he'.

*The words of this song are intended as a response to Moore's beautiful lines on the Lake of the Dismal Swamp, beginning "They made her a grave too cold and damp."

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rall:

calls me his maiden bride; And I hear the moan of the cypress tree, Where the

mf rall: a tempo.

maid by his ar-row died, Where the maid by his ar-row died!

mf

p

2.

Come let us sail in my phantom bark,
 And sport in its fox-fire light;
 Chase the swift bat with our meteor-spark
 'Till the sun drink the dews of night.
 We'll skim o'er the waters blythe and gay,
 Tho' the murderer's howl we hear;
 And we'll seek a cave for the sun-bright day,
 Where we'll sleep 'till the stars appear.

3.

Come to my bark, it is moor'd for thee,
 The Whippoorwill warbles "come,"
 You'll love, I'm sure, its sad melody;
 For it sings o'er your lov'd ones tomb.
 My fire-fly lamp begins to burn dim,
 The morn star is shining bright;
 Now, away-away o'er the lake I skim,
 And I bid thee, dearest, good night.

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