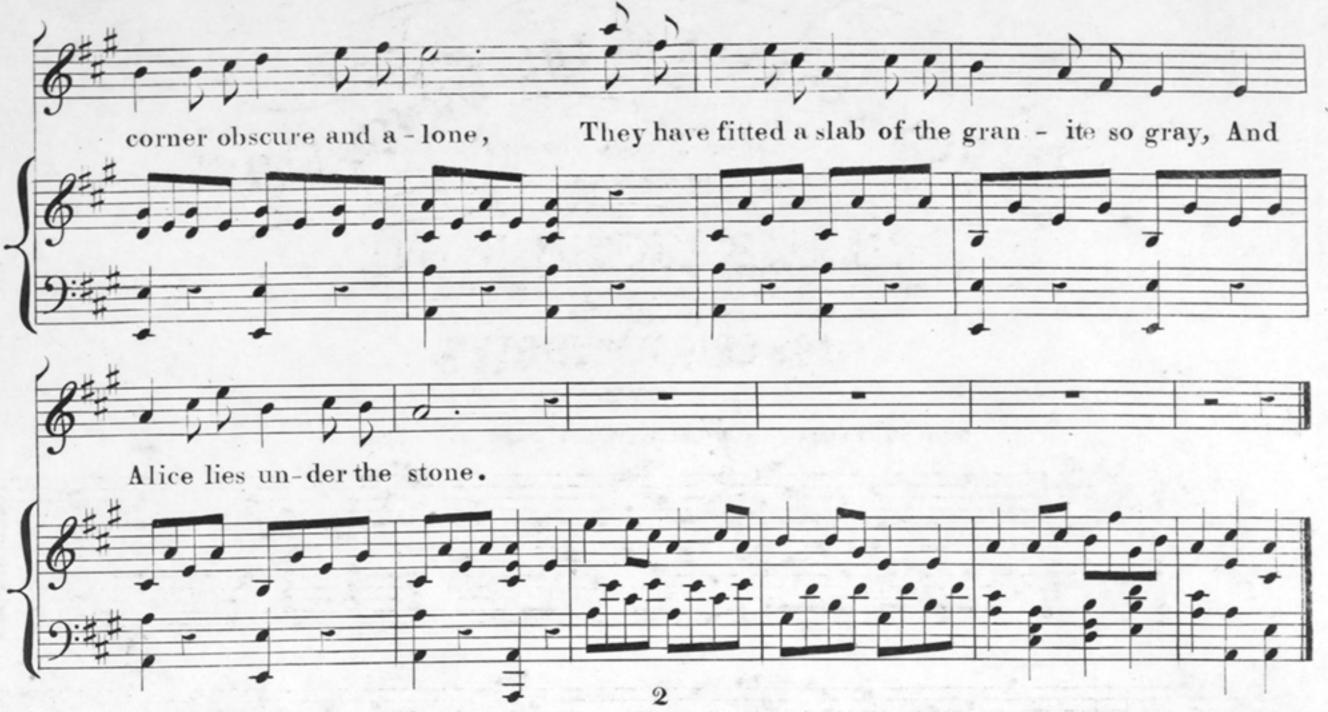
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O dont you remember the wood, Ben Bolt,
That grew on the green sunny hill;
Where oft we have played 'neath its wide spreading shade
And listened to Appleton's mill.
The mill has gone to decay, Ben Bolt,
And the rafters have fallen in;
And a quiet has settled on all around
In the place of the olden din.

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O dont you remember the school, Ben Bolt,
With the master so cruel and grim;
And the quiet nook and the running brook,
Where the school boys went to swim.
Grass grows on the master's grave, Ben Bolt,
And the running brook is dry;
And of all the boys who were school-mates then,
There is only you and I.

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There's a change in the things I love, Ben Bolt,
A change from the old to the new;
But I feel in the core of my heart, Ben Bolt,
There never was change in you.
Twelve-months twenty have passed Ben Bolt,
But still with delight I hail,
Thy presence a blessing, thy friendship a truth,
Ben Bolt of the salt sea gale.