

No. 10.

RECIT. & SONG.—(Elsie.)

RECIT.

Tis done! I am a

Moderato.

PIANO. *p*

RECIT.

a tempo.

bride! Oh, lit tle ring, That bear-est in thy cir - clet all the glad - ness that lo - vers

p a tempo.

hope for, and that po - ets sing, What bring-est thou to me but gold and sad - ness?

A bride-groomall un - known, save in this wise, To - day he dies, To - day, a - las, he

Attaca Song.

Allegro un poco agitato.

dies! Though tear and long drawnsigh Ill fit a

Allegro un poco agitato.

p

bride, No sad - der wife than I The whole world

Ped.

wide! Ah me! Ah me! Yet

Ped. * Ped. *

maids there be Who would con-sent to lose The ve - ry rose of youth, The flow'r of

life, To be, in hon - est truth A wed - ded wife, No mat - ter whose!

Ped. * Ped. *

No mat-ter whose! Ah me, what pro - fit we, O maids that

p Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

sigh, Though gold, tho' gold should live, If wed ded love . . . must

poco rall.
cres. *colla voce.* *f* *mp*

Ped. * Ped. *

die?

a tempo. *f* *p*

Ped. *

Ere half an hour has rung, A widow I!

Ped. *

Ah heaven, he is too young, Too brave to die! Ah

me! Ah me! Yet

Ped. *

wives there be So weary worn, I trow, That they would scarce complain, So that they

could In half an hour at-tain To widow-hood, No mat ter how! . . .

Ped. * Ped. *

No matter how! . . . O wea - ry wives, . . . Who wi - dow - hood would

p Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

win, . . . Re - joice, . . . re - joice, that ye have time To wea - ry

poco rall. *cres.* *colla voce.* *f* *mp*

Ped. * Ped. *

in! . . . O wea - ry

p Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

wives, . . . Who wi - dow - hood would win, . . . Re joice, . . . re-joyce, re -

cres. *f* *sf*

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

Ossia. joice, . . . O wea-ry, wea-ry wives, re - joice

brill. joice, . . . O wea-ry, wea-ry wives, re - joice!

sf *sf* *ff*

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