

The Land of Long Ago

No.18 in "Modern Ballads"
(50 Favourite Songs and Ballads by the Most Eminent Composers)

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Poco allegro

Voice

Piano

5

p

Do you ask me, lit - tle peo - ple, Where I find my songs and

p *cresc.* *f*

8

p

dit - ties? Oh, it's far from tow'r and stee - ple, Far from

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fields, and far from ci - ties; *poco più lento* Ay, so ve - ry far that

poco più lento

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14

ne-ver, Though your feet were like the wind, Could you reach the place for

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e - ver Out of sight, and out of mind _____ Wait, my

Colla voce

21

chil - dren, time will show it, Through the gloom of years 'twill grow, Clear to

25

all your eyes— You'll know it As the land of Long a - go.

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2. You may
3. Now the

p

p

33

laugh, my lit - tle peo - ple, But be sure my sto - ry's true, For I
por - tal clo - ses, clo - ses, And the dark - ness walls it round, Leaving

cresc.

f

p

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vow, by yon church stee - ple, I was once a child like you;
child - hood by the ro - ses, Age up - on the flin - ty ground:

p

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Just as fris - ky in the wild - wood, Just as nim - ble in the race; But I
Nay, my chil - dren, not in sad - ness, Nor re - proach, these words I say; God is

p

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45

lost good, my hap - py child - hood;
and gives new glad - ness,
Do you ask in what strange place,
When the old He takes a - way

f

colla voce

49

In what dark - some lanes and al - leys,
But where all my songs and dit - ties
It slipp'd from me? you shall
I go seek - ing, now you

p *cresc.* *f*

52

know; It was in the dew - y val - leys Of the Land of Long a -
know; Far from fields, and far from ci - ties, In the Land of Long a -

p

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- go.
- go.

f