

ART SONG TRANSPOSITIONS

Stephen Foster (1826-1864)

Jeanie with the light brown hair

Poet: Stephen Foster

in E major



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Moderato

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 3/4 time, key of D major. The right hand plays a melody of eighth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

The first system shows the vocal line starting at measure 4. The lyrics are: "I dream of Jeanie with the light brown hair, long for Jeanie with the day-dawn smile, sigh for Jeanie, but her light form strayed". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics: "Borne, like a vapor, on the summer air; I see her tripping where the radiant in gladness, warm with winning guile; I hear her melodies, like far from the fond hearts round her native glade; Her smiles have vanished and her". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

The third system concludes the vocal line with lyrics: "bright streams play, Hap-py as the daisies that dance on her way. joys gone by, Sigh-ing round my heart o'er the fond hopes that die: sweet songs flown, Flit-ting like the dreams that have cheered us and gone." The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

* Eighth notes for verse one only

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Ma - ny were the wild notes her mer - ry voice would pour, Ma - ny were the blithe birds that
Sigh - ing like the night wind and sob - bing like the rain, Wail - ing for the lost one that
Now the nod - ding wild flowers may with - er on the shore While her gen - tle fin - gers will

p

ad lib.

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war - bled them o'er: Oh! I dream of Jea - nie with the
comes not a - gain: Oh! I long for Jea - nie, and my
cull them no more: Oh! I sigh for Jea - nie with the

rall.

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light brown hair, Float - ing, like a va - por, on the soft sum - mer air.
heart bows low, Ne - ver more to find her where the bright wa - ters flow.
light brown hair, Float - ing, like a va - por, on the soft sum - mer air.

rall.

a tempo

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1, 2. 3.

a tempo