

To Miss Mary M. Dallas



AH! MAY THE RED ROSE LIVE ALWAYS

SONG

Written and Composed

FOR THE

PIANO FORTE

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Not too fast.

VOICE.

PIANO.

Ah! may the red rose live al - - way, To smile up - on earth and sky!

Why should the beauti- ful e- ver weep? Why should the beau- ti- - ful die?

Lending a charm to ev- -'ry ray That falls on her cheeks of light,

Giving the zephyr kiss for kiss, And nur- sing the dew- drop bright —

Ad lib.

A tempo.
Ah! may the red rose live al- - way, To smile up- on earth and sky!

A tempo.

Ad lib.

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Why should the beauti - ful ever weep? Why should the beauti - - ful die?

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Long may the daisies dance the field,
 Frolicking far and near!
 Why should the innocent hide their heads?
 Why should the innocent fear?
 Spreading their petals in mute delight
 When morn in its radiance breaks,
 Keeping a floral festival
 Till the night-loving primrose wakes —
 Long may the daisies dance the field,
 Frolicking far and near!
 Why should the innocent hide their heads?
 Why should the innocent fear?

Lulled be the dirge in the cypress bough,
 That tells of departed flowers!
 Ah! that the butterfly's gilded wing
 Fluttered in evergreen bowers!
 Sad is my heart for the blighted plants —
 Its pleasures are aye as brief —
 They bloom at the young year's joyful call,
 And fade with the autumn leaf:
 Ah! may the red rose live always,
 To smile upon earth and sky!
 Why should the beautiful ever weep?
 Why should the beautiful die?