

Sung by Mr Beard and Miss Norris  
in the Chaplet  
[Contented all day]

Boyce

Damon

Voice

Con - ten - ted all day I will sit at your side Where pop - lars are

Piano

6 5 6 6 6 6

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is for the voice, and the bottom two staves are for the piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Con - ten - ted all day I will sit at your side Where pop - lars are". The piano accompaniment features a treble clef with a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, and a bass clef with a simple harmonic accompaniment. Fingering numbers 6, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6 are written below the piano staves.

6

stretch - ing o'er arch the cool tide, And while the clear riv - er runs

Pno.

2 6 4 6

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff is for the voice, and the bottom two staves are for the piano. The lyrics are: "stretch - ing o'er arch the cool tide, And while the clear riv - er runs". The piano accompaniment continues with similar melodic and harmonic patterns. Fingering numbers 2, 6, 4, 6 are written below the piano staves.

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purl - ing a - long The thrush and the linn - et con - tend in their

Pno.

6 6 6 6

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff is for the voice, and the bottom two staves are for the piano. The lyrics are: "purl - ing a - long The thrush and the linn - et con - tend in their". The piano accompaniment concludes with a final melodic phrase. Fingering numbers 6, 6, 6, 6 are written below the piano staves.

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song, The thrush and the linn - et con - tend in their song.

16

Pno.

6 6

Laura:

While you are but by me, no danger I fear,  
 Ye lambs, rest in safety, my Damon is here;  
 Bound on, ye blithe kids, now your gambols may please;  
 For my shepherd is kind, and my heart is at ease.

Damon:

Ye virgins of Britain, bright rivals of Day  
 The wish of each heart, and the theme of each lay,  
 Ne'er yeild to ye Swain, till he make you a wife,  
 For he who loves truly, will take you for Life.

Laura:

Ye youths, who fear nought but the frowns of the fair,  
 Tis yours to relieve, not to add to their care.  
 Then scorn to their ruin assistance to lend,  
 Nor betray the sweet creature you're born to defend.

Both: [in different handwriting]

For their Honour and Faith be our Virgin's renown'd  
 Nor false to his vows one young shepherd be found  
 Be their Moments all guided by Virtue and truth  
 To Preserve in their Age what they gain'd in their youth.

Transcribed by G. Dooley from Jane Austen's House Museum collection (JAHM 1:04).  
 MS is headed 'Sung by Mr Beard and Miss Norris in the Chaplet'.  
 Figured bass. No separate voice part in MS.