For Tenderness Form'd

Giovanni Paisiello arr. T. Linley
(original aria from Il Barbiere di Siviglia)

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Parent's soft sorrow to mine led the way;

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2. The nightingale plunder'd the mate widow'd dove,
The warbled complaint of the suffering grove,
To youth as it ripen'd gave sentiment new,
The object still changeing the sympathy true.

A warmth of more pain may this breast never know,
Or if too indulgent the blessing I claim,
Let the spark drop from pity that weakens the flame.

Arrangement by G. Dooley from version 'Printed and sold at Carrs Music Store, Baltimore', sourced from the Lester S. Levy Collection of Sheet Music at Johns Hopkins University Library.

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