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We envy none, for the glittering sun
 Glows alike on the sons of earth ;
 Our color is dark but humanity's spark
 Is bright at the gypsy's hearth.
 Our camp is as free as the tumbling sea
 And bright as the toppling foam
 And seen from afar, as a glistening star
 Is the light from our gypsy home.

CHORUS :—Then give us &c.

BARNEY—A capital song that, an'well sung too. (*To FIDDLER.*) Thade, me boy, would ye give us a bit of a jig or reel or somethin' for if we dont have a dance this minute, then call me a haythen. Come Thade me son, up with a reel.

(*FIDDLER plays a reel and all dance.*)

BARNEY—(*After the dance.*) Now, Mr. Gypsy come along with me, an'I'll show ye a place where ye can pitch yer tent an'live like lords. Come along.

(*Exeunt R. Enter FELIX HARDING and MAURICE, L*)

HARDING—Ha, ha, you have lost a thousand pounds, eh ? A pretty figure I must say !

MAURICE—Yes, and no matter which way I turn I see ruin staring me in the face.

HARD—How is that ? Will not your father advance you the amount ?

MAUR.—No, I will not ask my father, for the mention of such a sum would compel explanations that would reveal to him the fact that I had gambled.

HARD.—Yes, of course. Then how about the money-lender ?

MAUR.—I have already been to see him but he refuses to help me.

HARD.—That's bad. Well my dear Maurice you *are* in a fix. If your father should learn that you had gambled, he might send you adrift, for I know his opinion of such matters. Let me see—will not some of your friends lend you the amount ?

MAUR.—I would ask none of them—that is I would ask only one, and that one is, yourself.

HARD.—I ? My dear fellow, I could'nt raise £1000 by to-morrow if my head were the forfeit !

MAUR.—Then to-morrow I shall be dishonored. Maurice O'Donnell's name will be bandied about as that of a ruined gambler—my father's honored name dragged in the mire of his son's disgrace. Oh, why have I brought ruin upon myself and sorrow to those I love !

HARD.—My dear fellow, you must not take it so badly. I said that I could not raise the amount *at once*, but in two or three days I can place in your hands the necessary funds, and you can repay me at your leisure.