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Every Poet from Chaucer down to As the vale in whose be ustin has sung of Music and given The bright waters meet; memorial tributes to divine har-Oh-the last rays of feeling rial tributes to divine har-And life must depart nony, but I think Keats' offering in Is glorious "Eve of St. Agnes" is Shall fade from my heart. lorious "Eve of St. Agnes" is f the most magnificent periods

Sweet vale of Avoca How caim could 1 rest In thy bosom of shade With the friends I love best, When the storms that we feel language. "Music, thou glorious Spirit, Iail, thou of God's inspiration, Music, Minister of the golden ongue, Flatter to tears they who In this cold world should cease, And our hearts, like thy waters, have suffered, they who have loved, they who now regret. Weave anew, joys amidst their sorrows, Make the poor and aged Be mingled in peace.'

Irish music is known and playe Forget, make them Forget." the world over, and in the most cell brated musical circles is often

A very celebrated Irish Judge once asked by a friend "If he rememberquested as a prelude to the but not more charming Operatic Can tatas. Warner in his history of Ire-land mentions the story of a soldier asked by a friend 'if he remember-ed any period in his later years when a spirit of daring and (perhaps) utter boyish pugliism appealed to him?" replied, that "one St. Patrick's Day when he heard 'Garry Owen' and Father O'Flynn' played in a Mayo named O'Halloran who heard the "Song of O'Ruark" played in the tem-ple of "Medeenot Haboo" in Egypt, and the simple Irish melody was so wn he experienced all the reckless-ess of youth, but when the band touching and so plaintive that the with all due respect to the Saint) ike going through a regiment." And heart of the exile was moved to tears. It is most striking, too, that the airs set to those melodies seem most suited, the very spirit and thought of the he was right. Music in general has strange and varied powers. One mo-ment it can cause to weep, and the next, move one to martial daring; but poetry are most truly expressed in the sad, plaintive and mournful harmony which gives expression, and the power of the music is so great over the minds of the ardent and suscer think there is no national melody known, can affect and move the soul so rapidly as Frish music. It has often been remarked, and oftener felt, that our music is the truest of all comments upon our histible, that it becomes a stimulus which quickens taste and

truest of all comments upon our his-tory. The tone of defiance, succeed-ed by the languor of despondency, a burst of turbulence dying away into the sorrows of one moment the sorrows of one moment

romantic mixture of mirth and less, which is naturally produced Of other days around me.

Moore wrote many brilliant things, the efforts of a lively temperament. Such is Irish music. It is in one strain worthy of the honors as were but we love and honor him best be-cause of his gift to us of the Irish won on the Field of Fontenoy, or Melodies. His "Lalla Rookh", is im-with the plaintive melodies of Care-perishable, whilst connoisseurs deon tell us of peace and hope, of ininging regrets for the ties that once we knew, and for the days that once gram; but Irishmen will always know ere ours. To speak of Irish music, him best when they hear the good old me must simultaneously be reminded Irish airs on St. Patrick's Day. When the Moore's Irish Melodies, the terms the blood is fired and the brow re identical, synonymous. The Irish flushes with the enthusiasm Melodies were written by Thomas ory's power, when a single melody most naturally expresses the lanrranged and set to their present guage of feeling and of passion, and eautiful airs by Sir John Stevenson, when experiencing this as we do, we an Irish gentleman of repute, and more knowingly trace a vein of Irish sentiment which points us out as pe who brought to the task a national culiarly suited to catch the spirit of eeling that is expressed in every those magnificent composi our country's music. tions. The late Sir Henry Irving was Mo asked once what he thought of the here-Moore again most truly speaks

Irish Melodies, and made this de-lightful answer: "The loveliest words 'Music, oh, how faint, how weak, Language fades before thy spell-Why should feeling ever speak in the language are worthy surely of the grandest airs." Truly no more genuine and happy tribute could be paid to those splendid Irish songs. When thou canst breathe her soul

Each feeling that once was dear,

so well? Friendship's balmy words may feign In looking over a collection of the Irish Melodies, there are so many beautiful lines to quote that one hard-ly knows which to praise most. In that tender melody "Has sorrow thy young days shaded?" the concluding Love's are e'en more false than they, Oh-'tis only music's strain Can sweetly soothe, and not betray.

Let us hope that now the shadow stanza is indeed an epigram and a de- Old Land is soon to be removed by which has so long been around the

just legislature, these words of the poet may be a pessimism: If thus the young hours have fleeted When sorrow itself looked bright. f thus the fair hope hath cheated That led thee along so light. f thus the cold world now wither

'The harp that once thro' Tara's halls The soul of music shed, ow hangs as mute on Tara's walls As if that soul were fied. o sleeps the pride of form



