



"And laid him in a manger."—St. Luke II., 7.
 "And he, bearing his cross, went forth."—St. John XIX., 17.
 Mary, Mary, your song was sweet,
 Soft and sweet, and crooning low;
 True and tender its measure beat
 Out into the morning glow
 When the promise was made complete
 On that Christmas long ago.

Shepherds watching their flocks, they heard
 Angel choruses, word on word,
 And their souls were with wonder stirred—
 Mary, Mary, your song was sweet.

Gently, gently, you hummed the song
 In the stable poor and bare—
 Still it echoes, and echoes long
 In a mother song all fair,
 In a melody true and strong
 That all humble folk may share.

Wise men, bearded, and gray, and gaunt,
 Rode through sunbeams that fell aslant,
 Giving voice to a glory chant—
 Mary, Mary, your song was sweet.

Stripes, and jeers, and the heavy tree—
 These were his, and words of scorn,
 Sorrow deeper than grief might be,
 Bruising good, and piercing thorn—
 Still there echoed the melody
 Which you crooned that Christmas morn.

One has brought him a winding sheet,
 One has spices for head and feet;
 Now the price has been paid complete—
 Mary, Mary, your song was sweet.



A Public Proposal

Story of Interpolations in the Easter Anthem

PERKINS sat beside Miss Lewis in the choir. Perkins sang baritone, and she sang alto. They had sang in the choir for two years, and naturally it was a polite act at the first for him to offer to escort her home after choir practice.

This got to be a habit with him, until one evening he experienced a peculiar shock. Another man appeared at the choir rehearsal and listened with evident enjoyment to the singing, and then calmly walked away with Miss Lewis.

Shocks of this sort are salutary to the young man in love. Without them he takes the affair in too much of a matter of course way. He simply drifts.

The drifting lover is not a satisfactory one to a girl. The tide of his affection may be smooth enough, but it does not get anywhere. Women like the ambitious, aggressive man.

And certainly, from the feminine standpoint, aggressiveness and ambition are never more aptly exercised than in the effort to win her hand. Winning a hand is different from holding it as though it were inherited property.

The other man was Hollicker. Hollicker was a man who formulated a campaign as soon as he decided upon its object.

Consequently he had maneuvered so that Perkins had had mighty few moments with Miss Lewis.

And she enjoyed it. No matter how much a girl thinks of a man, she must enjoy his desperation and despair when he sees another man apparently winning her away from him. It is this elusiveness in woman nature that constitutes a large part of her human nature.

Perkins wanted to propose now, badly enough. But he needed the chance. This Easter morning when the choir arose to sing the anthem he looked over the congregation and he gritted his teeth when he saw Hollicker sitting right in the Lewis pew.

Mechanically he took up his part of the anthem, and as he sang an inspiration came to him. He and Miss Lewis had sort of a recitative second part to the solo during most of the anthem. The soprano carried the air and held all the attention of the audience, and the deep tones of the organ

effectually hid the words the baritone and Miss Lewis sang.

Instead of the words on the page before him he touched her elbow with his and softly sang:

"Am I never to have a chance—
 Never to have a chance—
 A chance to speak to you alone?"

She glanced at him almost with alarm. She could not believe she had heard him aright. He returned her glance and again sang:

"I mean what I say.
 Listen to me.
 For I am deeply—
 Am deeply in earnest this morning."

With another glance, of understanding this time, she sang:

"What in the world—
 What in the world—
 What in the world do you mean?"

Perkins waited until it was his time to sing again and then he leaned a bit toward her and sang:

"You know very well—
 You know very well—"

She took up her part of the anthem in her mellow alto tones at once with:

"I can't imagine—
 Can't imagine—
 What do you mean?"

It was the moment for the choir to swing into the finale. The organ was booming and the singers were beginning to fortissimo passages. Perkins slipped his hand under the book and caught her fingers in his. He sang:

"This is my only chance—
 Say that you will wed me.
 O, say that you will wed me.
 Will wed me."

There was an answering pressure on his fingers, and with a demure smile on her lips she answered:

"I will—
 I will.
 But do not kiss me here—
 Not here."

As the congregation was leaving Hollicker came to Miss Lewis and said:

"I must congratulate you on the expression you gave to your part of the music this morning."

"So must I," Perkins declared. "And while you are about it, you might as well congratulate us both."

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An Easter Thought.
 His wife's clothes are an index to a man's prosperity," says the succinct philosopher.

"Lots of times they are an index to chapters that no longer exist," replies the man with the thoughtful eyes.

Easter Day.
 The brook has found its voice again,
 The lark has found the blue,
 The crocus bud has found the sun,
 The sun has found the dew,
 The butterfly has found the light,
 The grass the green of May,
 And Christians all had joyful life
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