



*erín, the tear  
and the smíle*

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*mícheal tuílliam Balfe*  
*(1808-1870)*

**Michael William Balfe** (1808-1870) was born in Dublin, Ireland, and studied music in Ireland and London. At age 16, he became violinist in the Drury Lane orchestra and was celebrated as a singer throughout the region. His patron, Count Mazzara, took him to Italy, where he studied composition in Rome and Milan. His first dramatic piece was produced in Milan in 1826. He sang at the Paris Italian Opera and in Italian theaters until 1835, also producing several Italian operas, and sang in New York City in 1834. He returned to England and was a successful composer of English operas, at times residing in Paris and Vienna. He retired in 1864 and died in Rowney Abbey, Hertfordshire. His compositions include a number of operas, cantatas, glees, and part-songs.

Erin! the tear and the smile in thine eyes  
Blend like the rainbow that hangs in thy skies,  
Shining through sorrow's stream,  
Saddening through pleasure's beam,  
Thy suns with doubtful gleam,  
Weep while they rise.

Erin, thy silent tear never shall cease,  
Erin, thy languid smile ne'er shall increase,  
Till, like the rainbow's light,  
Thy various tints unite,  
And form in heaven's sight  
One arch of peace!

Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

# erín, the tear and the smile

M. W. Balfe

Andante ma non troppo

S  
A  
T  
B

E - rin! the tear and the  
E - rin! the tear and the  
E - rin! the tear and the  
E - rin! the tear and the

Andante ma non troppo

Piano

## erin, the tear and the smile

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S  
smile in thine eyes Blend like the rain - bow that hangs in thy skies,

A  
smile in thine eyes Blend like the rain - bow that hangs in thy skies,

T  
smile in thine eyes Blend like the rain - bow that hangs in thy\_ skies,

B  
smile in thine eyes Blend like the rain - bow that hangs in thy skies,

Pno.

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S  
*f* Shin - ing thro' sor - row'sstream, Sad - d'ning thro' pleas - ure's beam,

A  
*f* Shin - ing thro' sor - row'sstream, Sad - d'ning thro' pleas - ure's beam,

T  
*f* Shin - ing thro' sor - row'sstream, Sad - d'ning thro' pleas - ure's beam,

B  
*f* Shin - ing thro' sor - row'sstream, Sad - d'ning thro' pleas - ure's beam,

Pno.

*f*

# erin, the tear and the smile

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S Thy suns with doubt - ful gleam, Weep while they rise.

A Thy suns with doubt - ful gleam, Weep while they rise.

T Thy suns with doubt - ful gleam, Weep while they rise.

B Thy suns with doubt - ful gleam, Weep while they rise.

Pno.

21

S E - rin, thy si - lent tear

A E - rin, thy si - lent tear

T E - rin, thy si - lent tear

B E - rin, thy si - lent tear

Pno.

## erín, the tear and the smile

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S  
nev - er shall cease, E - rin, thy lan - guid smile ne'er shall in - crease,

A  
nev - er shall cease, E - rin, thy lan - guid smile ne'er shall in - crease,

T  
nev - er shall cease, E - rin, thy lan - guid smile ne'er shall in - crease,

B  
nev - er shall cease, E - rin, thy lan - guid smile ne'er shall in - crease,

Pno.

33

S  
Till, like the rain - bow's light, Thy var - ious tints u - nite,

A  
Till, like the rain - bow's light, Thy var - ious tints u - nite,

T  
Till, like the rain - bow's light, Thy var - ious tints u - nite,

B  
Till, like the rain - bow's light, Thy var - ious tints u - nite,

Pno.

# erin, the tear and the smile

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S And form in heav - en's sight One arch of peace!

A And form in heav - en's sight One arch of peace!

T And form in heav - en's sight One arch of peace!

B And form in heav - en's sight One arch of peace!

Pno.

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S

A

T

B

Pno.

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