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(1844-1930)

# I praise the tender flower, op.43 no.2

C. V. Stanford  
(1852-1924)

*larghetto*

Voice

Piano

I praise the ten-der flower, That on a mourn-ful

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day Bloomed in my gar-den bower, And made the win- ter gay. Its

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love- li-ness con - tent-ed my heart tor - ment-ed.

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I praise the gen-tle maid, whose hap-py voice and smile To con-fi-dence be - trayed. My

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 dole-ful heart a - while: And gave my spi- rit de -  
 plor-ing Fresh wings for soar - ing. The maid for ve - ry  
*cresc.*  
 fear— of love I durst not tell; The rose could ne-ver hear,— though I be -  
*rall.* *pp a tempo*  
 spake her well: So in my song I  
*poco rall.* *a tempo*  
 bind them For all to find them.  
*colla parte* *dim.* *p*