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Janet's Choice

Claribel

(1830-1869)

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With expression

S They say I may mar - ry the Laird if I will, The Laird of high de - gree, And

A They say I may mar - ry the Laird if I will, The Laird of high de - gree, And

T They say I may mar - ry the Laird if I will, The Laird of high de - gree, And

B They say I may mar - ry the Laird if I will, The Laird of high de - gree, And

5 S jew - els so fair I may twine in my hair, And a La - dy I'd sure - ly be; But,

A jew - els so fair I may twine in my hair, And a La - dy I'd sure - ly be; But,

T jew - els so fair I may twine in my hair, And a La - dy I'd sure - ly be; But,

B jew - els so fair I may twine in my hair, And a La - dy I'd sure - ly be; But,

9 S oh! where would my heart be, In spite of my gems so gay? My

A oh! where would my heart be, In spite of my gems so gay? My

T oh! where would my heart be, In spite of my gems so gay? My

B oh! where would my heart be, In spite of my gems so gay? My



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S heart it would break for some-bod - y's sake, So I think I had bet - ter say "nay," And

A heart it would break for some-bod - y's sake, So I think I had bet - ter say "nay," And

T heart it would break for some-bod - y's sake, So I think I had bet - ter say "nay," And

B heart it would break for some-bod - y's sake, So I think I had bet - ter say "nay," And

S I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

A I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

T I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

B I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

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S I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

A I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

T I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

B I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

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S So the Laird my mar - ry the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And

A So the Laird my mar - ry the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And

T So the Laird my mar - ry the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And

B So the Laird my mar - ry the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And

28 S jew - els so fair she may twine in her hair, They are bet - ter for her than me, And

A jew - els so fair she may twine in her hair, They are bet - ter for her than me, And

T jew - els so fair she may twine in her hair, They are bet - ter for her than me, And

B jew - els so fair she may twine in her hair, They are bet - ter for her than me, And

32 S gai - ly I'll dance at the bri - dal, I'll mer - ri - ly dance on the lea, With

A gai - ly I'll dance at the bri - dal, I'll mer - ri - ly dance on the lea, With

T gai - ly I'll dance at the bri - dal, I'll mer - ri - ly dance on the lea, With

B gai - ly I'll dance at the bri - dal, I'll mer - ri - ly dance on the lea, With

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S Su - san and Al - ice and Em - ma, But Don - ald shall dance with me, And

A Su - san and Al - ice and Em - ma, But Don - ald shall dance with me, And

T Su - san and Al - ice and Em - ma, But Don - ald shall dance with me, And

B Su - san and Al - ice and Em - ma, But Don - ald shall dance with me, And

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S I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

A I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

T I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

B I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, And

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S I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

A I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

T I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

B I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

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S So the Laird, he mar-ried the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And the

A So the Laird, he mar-ried the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And the

T So the Laird, he mar-ried the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And the

B So the Laird, he mar-ried the La - dy, The La - dy of high de - gree, And the

52 S low - land las - sie he loved so well A - bode in her own coun - try; "For

A low - land las - sie he loved so well A - bode in her own coun - try; "For

T low - land las - sie he loved so well A - bode in her own coun - try; "For

B low - land las - sie he loved so well A - bode in her own coun - try; "For

56 S oh! where would my heart be?" Was ev - er her con - stant cry; "If

A oh! where would my heart be?" Was ev - er her con - stant cry; "If

T oh! where would my heart be?" Was ev - er her con - stant cry; "If

B oh! where would my heart be?" Was ev - er her con - stant cry; "If

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S ev - er I'd dared to mar - ry the Laird, Why Don - ald would sure - ly die!" So

A ev - er I'd dared to mar - ry the Laird, Why Don - ald would sure - ly die!" So

T ev - er I'd dared to mar - ry the Laird, Why Don - ald would sure - ly die!" So

B ev - er I'd dared to mar - ry the Laird, Why Don - ald would sure - ly die!" So

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S I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, So

A I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, So

T I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, So

B I will mar - ry my ain love, my ain love, my ain love, So

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S I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

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T I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

B I will mar - ry my ain love, For true of heart am I.

Charlotte Alington Pye Barnard (1830-1869) was born in England and was married to Charles Barnard, the parson of St. Olaves in Ruckland, Lincolnshire. They lived at The Firs in Westgate, Louth, Lincolnshire, then moved to Pimlico, London. She died in Dover. She composed many songs and ballads, mostly in a more popular style. She also composed many hymns, quartets, duets, and piano pieces. She most often published under the pseudonym Claribel and is probably best known for her song "Come Back to Erin" and the hymn tune "Brocklesby."

They say I may marry the Laird if I will,
The Laird of high degree,
And jewels so fair I may twine in my hair,
And a Lady I'd surely be;
But, oh! where would my heart be,
In spite of my gems so gay?
My heart it would break for somebody's sake,
So I think I had better say "nay,"
And I will marry my ain love,
my ain love, my ain love,
And I will marry my ain love,
For true of heart am I.

So the Laird my marry the Lady,
The Lady of high degree,
And jewels so fair she may twine in her hair,
They are better for her than me,
And gaily I'll dance at the bridal,
I'll merrily dance on the lea,
With Susan and Alice and Emma,
But Donald shall dance with me,
And I will marry my ain love,
my ain love, my ain love,
And I will marry my ain love,
For true of heart am I.

So the Laird, he married the Lady,
The Lady of high degree,
And the lowland lassie he loved so well
Abode in her own country;
"For oh! where would my heart be?"
Was ever her constant cry;
"If ever I'd dared to marry the Laird,
Why Donald would surely die!"
So I will marry my ain love,
my ain love, my ain love,
So I will marry my ain love,
For true of heart am I.

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