

## No: 2a - Maidens and Men Chorus

*Allegretto non troppo.*

Chorus       $\frac{6}{8}$

Piano       $\frac{6}{8}$        $\frac{6}{8}$

(Strings only)

*ppp*

Mai - dens and men of Mir - le - mont town,

Chorus

Hi - ther we come at your call!      Ye have bid - den the fair - est, then needs must ye own We

Piano

bring you the fair - est of all! - - - White li - lies she wears for her

13

Chorus

crown, - - For her cheek as a li - ly is white, And

Piano

16

Chorus

straight as a li - ly she grows, - - Straight and slen - der and tall; - - Yet

Piano

20

Chorus

day shall not draw to its close - 'Ere the li - ly be chang'd to the rose, - For

Piano

Chorus

24

A musical score for a Chorus and a Piano. The Chorus part consists of a single melodic line in treble clef, primarily using eighth and sixteenth notes. The piano part is in bass clef, providing harmonic support with sustained chords and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics "shall ye not crown her to - night - - - The fair - - - est of all? For" are written below the notes.

Piano

shall ye not crown her to - night - - - The fair - - - est of all? For

Chorus

28

A continuation of the musical score from measure 24. The Chorus and Piano parts are identical to the previous section, maintaining the same melodic line and harmonic progression. The lyrics "shall ye not crown her to - night - - - The fair - - - est of all? - -" are repeated.

Piano