

Percy Aldridge Grainger

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British Folk-Music Settings

No. 5 Irish Tune from County Derry

for mixed Choir (SATBarBarB) a cappella

für gemischten Chor (SATBarBarB) a cappella

Choral Score

ED 11283

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PREVIEW
Low Resolution

THE DARK EILEEN

Tune: "LONDONDERRY AIR"

O Dark Eileen, so proud and sad and warward,
Bright-glancing, scornful, tender, all bright,
How can a plain and all unskilful lover
Tell out, tell out in words the fire that burns?
Words are like spray from wheels that never stop;
Silent, dear love, the deeper wounds they bring;
And when your heart has given up its meagring,
A glance, Eileen, will send me to the side.

Let others vaunt their words and words alone
In lofty flight, and sing the song;
I only seek the heart, the heart's devotion,
True as the rock, and faith a lifetime long.
O Dark Eileen, and give me no ill thereafter;
I'll love you for years, though you wert mine,
I'll do what may, I'd meet all ills with laughter;
And in the world content, in shadow or in shine.

DAVID LUCAS.

№ 5. IRISH TUNE FROM COUNTY DERRY

set for unaccompanied mixed chorus

by
PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER

[set Oct., 1902]

Slowly, waywardly and very feelingly

WOMEN
Highs
Lows

MEN
Highs
1st Middles
2nd Middles
Lows

PIANO
(for practice only)

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don't soften

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* This note is B in the original folk melody

1855b

