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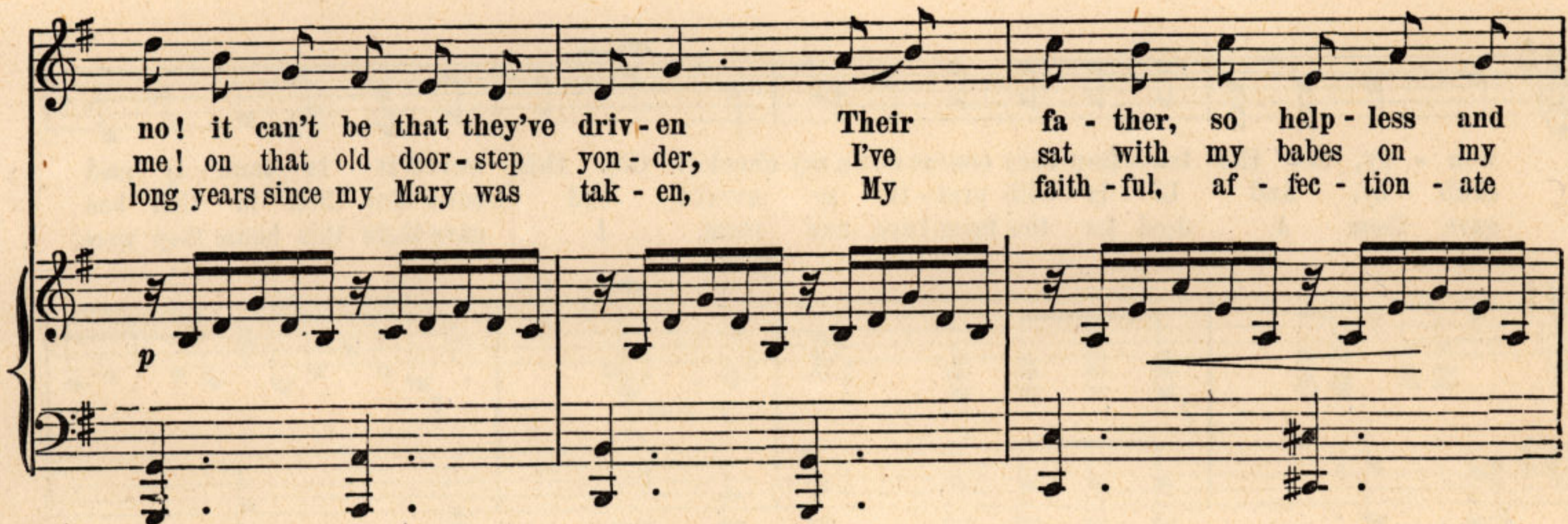
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old, (Oh, God, may their crime be for - giv - en,)..... To  
 knee, No fa - ther, was hap - pier or fon - der..... Than  
 wife; Since then I'm for - lorn and for - sak - en,..... And the

per - ish out here in the cold..... Oh Heavens, I am sadden'd and  
 I of my lit - tle ones three..... The boys, both so ro - sy and  
 light has died out of my life..... The boys grew to man-hood; I

wea - ry, See the tears how they course down my cheeks! Oh, this world it is lone - ly and  
 chub - by, And Li - ly with prat - tle so sweet! God knows how their fa - ther has  
 gave them A deed for the farm! aye, and more, I gave them this house they were



## CHORUS

drea - ry,..... And my heart for re lief vain - ly seeks..... For I'm  
 loved them,..... But they've driv - en him out in the street.....  
 born in!..... And now I'm turned out from its door.....

old, and I'm help-less and fee - ble, The days of my youth have gone by;..... Then

o - ver the hill to the poor house, I wan-der a - lone there to die.....

4 Oh, children! loved children! yet hear me,  
 I have journeyed along on life's stage;  
 With the hope that you all would be near me,  
 To comfort and cheer my old age:  
 My life-blood I'd gladly have given,  
 To shield and protect you! but hark!  
 Though my heart breaks, I'll say it's you've driven  
 Me out here to die in the dark.—Cho.

5 But, perhaps, they'll live happier without me;  
 Farewell, dear old home, ah! farewell,  
 Each pathway and tree here about me,  
 Some memory precious can tell:  
 Well! the flowers will bloom bright as ever,  
 And the birds sing as sweet to the morn;  
 Then over the hill from the poor house,  
 Next Spring the old man shall be borne.—Cho.



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