

To
MISS CAROLINE SANDERS.
Of Dayton, Ohio.

SPARE THE OLD HOMESTEAD

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Music by

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The first system of music features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "2d Oh spare, spare the old" and "Oh! spare, spare the old". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

The third system contains the final vocal lines with lyrics: "homestead, Twas there I first knew, The homestead, Nor ruth..... less..ly part, The". The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord.

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love of my mother, Still changeless and
 ties that have bound it, So long to my

true, A father's, a brother's, A lov'd sister's
 heart, When wandring and weary, And burdened with

care, Oh these are the memories, That beam on me
 care, A bright spot of sunshine, Still beams for me

there, Then spare &c.
 there, Then spare, spare the old homestead, 'Tis dear to me

yet, The home of my childhood, I never never can for.

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Oh spare, spare the old homestead ;
 Though moss overgrown,
 Its halls are deserted,
 Decaying alone,
 Yet back to its hearth-stone,
 My heart will repair,
 As though its warm greetings,
 Still welcomed me there .

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Oh spare, spare the old homestead
 Till that pensive hour,
 When age makes me weary,
 And life yields its power !
 Then bear me when fainting,
 To breathe its sweet air,
 And die 'mid the sunshine,
 That beams on me there .