

"Music is the true universal speech of mankind."

—C. VON WEBER.

"Music is the poor man's Parnassus."

—EMERSON.

"Poetry, were it the rudest, so it be sincere, is the attempt which man makes to render his existence harmonious, the utmost he can do for that end; it springs therefore from his whole feelings, opinions, activity, and takes its character from these. It may be called the music of the whole inner being."

—CARLYLE.

"National music, be it ever so artless and simple, is in most cases what music in the first place always ought to be—a faithful expression of feelings The shepherd tending his flock, the soldier on the march, the fisherman mending his nets, the labourer in the cornfield, has no inducement to sing his favourite tune unless his heart's emotions incite him to it. His musical effusions emanate therefore from the heart, or, in other words, they are psychologically true."

—C. ENGEL.