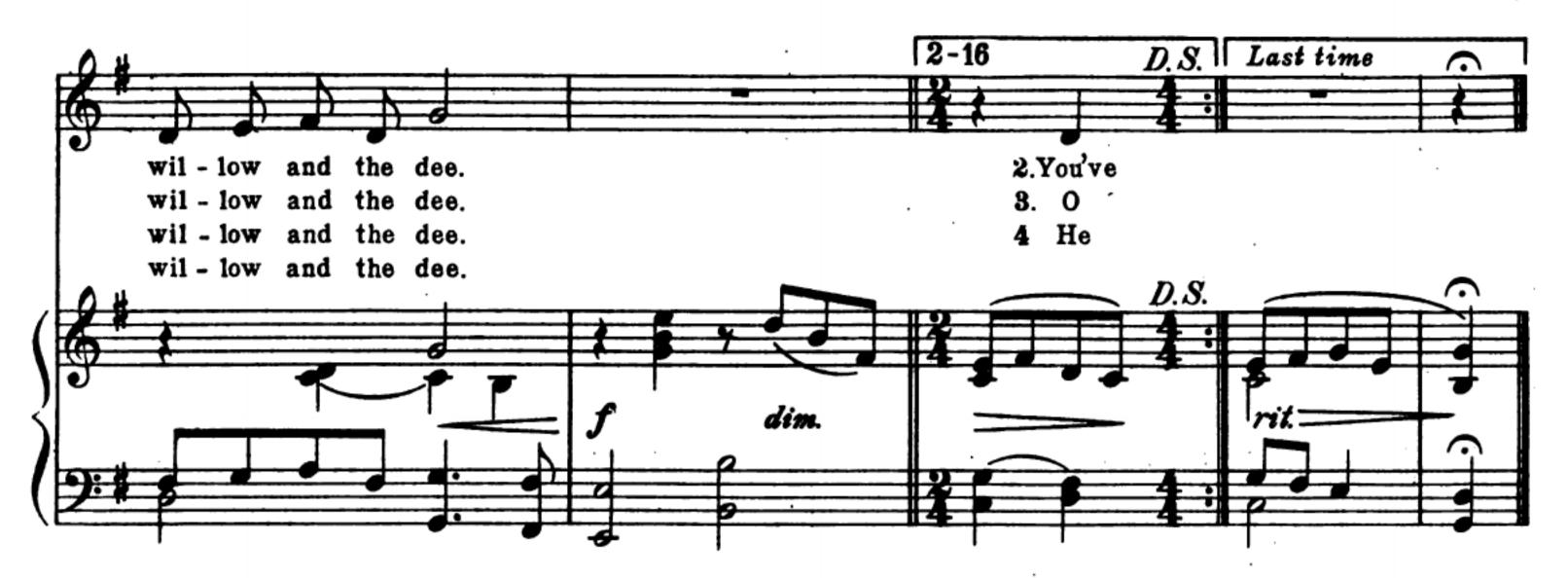
## THE KNIGHT AND THE SHEPHERD'S DAUGHTER





5.

She rode till she came to the river's side, She fell on her belly and swam; And when she came to the other side She took to her heels and ran.

6.

She ran till she came to the king's fair court, She pull-ed at the ring:
There was none so ready as the king himself
To let this fair maid in.

7.

Good morning to you, my pretty maid. Good morning, sir, said she;
You have a knight all in your court
This day has a-robbed me.

8.

O has he robbed you of your gold, Or any of your fee? Or has he robbed you of the rarest branch That grows in your body?

9.

He has not robbed me of my gold,
Nor any of my fee;
But he has robbed me of the rarest branch
That grows in my body.

10.

Here's twenty pounds for you, he said, All wrap-ped in a glove; And twenty pounds for you, he said, To seek some other love. 11.

I will not have your twenty pounds, Nor any of your fee; But I will have the king's fair knight This day to marry me.

12.

The king called up his merry men all, By one, by two, by three — Young William once the foremost was, But now behind came he.

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Accurs-ed be that very hour
That I got drunk by wine.
To have the farmer's daughter here
To be a true love of mine!

14.

If I a farmer's daughter am
Pray leave me all alone;
If-you make me a lady of a thousand lands
I can make thee lord of ten.

15.

The dog shall eat the flour you sowed, And thou shalt eat the bran; I'll make thee rue the day and hour That ever thou wast born.

16.

He mounted on his milk-white steed, And she on her pony grey; He threw the bugle round his neck And together they rode away.

17.

The very next town that they came to The wedding bells did ring; And the very next church that they came to There was a gay wedding.