

No. 8. How say you, maiden, will you wed

Trio

Elsie, Point, and Lieutenant

Allegro vivace ♩ = 132

(A)

Lieutenant (R.C.)

How say you,

maid - en, will you wed A man a-bout to lose his head?

For half an hour You'll be a wife, And then the dower Is



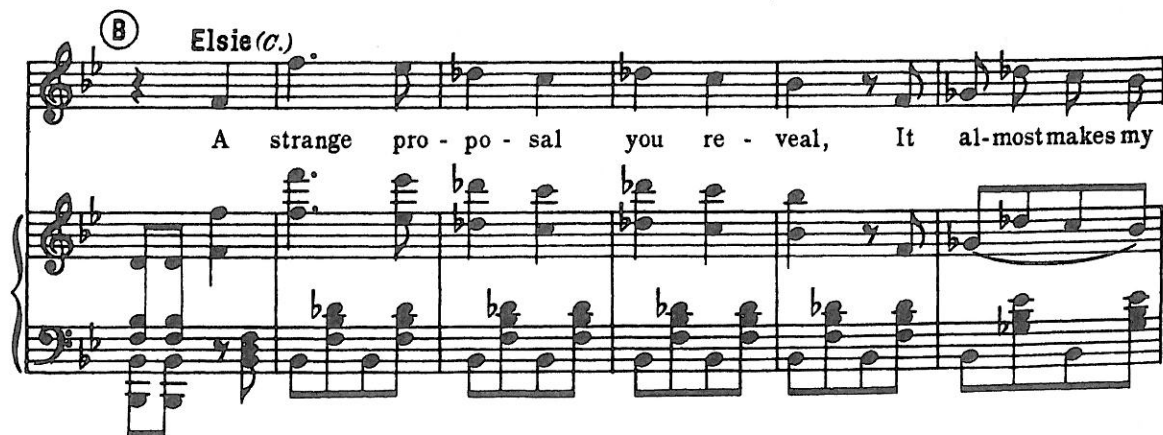
yours for life. A head - less bride-groom why re - fuse?



If truth the po - ets_ tell, Most bride - grooms,



'ere they mar - ry, lose Both head and heart as well!



B Elsie (C.)
A strange pro - po - sal you re - veal, It al-most makes my

sens - es reel. A - las! I'm ver - y poor in -

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It begins with a half note 'sens - es', followed by a quarter rest, then a half note 'reel.' This is followed by a half note 'A - las!', a quarter rest, and then a half note 'I'm ver - y poor in -'. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with eighth and sixteenth notes and a left hand with chords and eighth notes.

deed, And such a sum I sore - ly need. My moth - er,

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a half note 'deed,', a quarter rest, then a half note 'And such a sum I sore - ly need.', followed by a half note 'My moth - er,'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

sir, is like to die, This mon - ey life may bring.

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a half note 'sir,', a quarter rest, then a half note 'is like to die,', followed by a half note 'This mon - ey life may bring.' The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

Bear this in mind, I pray, if I con - sent to

The fourth system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a half note 'Bear this in mind,', a quarter rest, then a half note 'I pray,', followed by a half note 'if I con - sent to'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

Ⓒ Point (L.)

do this thing! Though as a gen'ral rule of life I don't al-low my

And *

prom-ised wife, My love-ly bride that is to be, To mar-ry an-y-

(The Lieutenant moves up-stage, and beck-
one but me, Yet if the fee is prompt-ly

ons off R. Enter Wilfred, R.U.E. The Lieutenant whispers instructions, Wilfred goes off.)
paid, And he, in well-earned grave, With-in the

hour is du - ly laid, Ob - jec - tion I will waive!

Yes, ob - jec - tion I will waive!

ⓓ Elsie

Temp - ta - tion, oh, temp - ta - tion, Were we, I pray, in - tend - ed To

Point

Temp - ta - tion, oh, temp - ta - tion, Were we, I pray, in - tend - ed To

Lieut.

Temp - ta - tion, oh, temp - ta - tion, Were we, I pray, in - tend - ed To

ⓓ

shun, what - e'er our sta - tion, Your fas - ci - na - tions splen - did; Or —

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shun, what - e'er our sta - tion, Your fas - ci - na - tions splen - did; Or

The first system consists of three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "shun, what - e'er our sta - tion, Your fas - ci - na - tions splen - did; Or —". The piano accompaniment is in the same key signature and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, and a more rhythmic bass line in the left hand.

fall, when e'er we view you, Head o - ver heels in - to you?

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The second system also consists of three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves continue the melody from the first system. The lyrics are: "fall, when e'er we view you, Head o - ver heels in - to you?". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

The image displays a musical score for the song "Head Over Heels." It consists of four staves. The first three staves are for vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass), each beginning with a *cresc.* marking. The lyrics "Head o-ver heels, Head o-ver heels, Head o-ver heels in - to you!" are written below each vocal staff. The fourth staff is for piano accompaniment, also marked *cresc.*, and features a complex arrangement of chords and arpeggios. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The score is divided into four systems. The first system shows the vocal melody starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The lyrics "Oh, _____ temp -" are written below the staff. The second system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics "Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver". The third system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics "Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels,". The fourth system shows the piano accompaniment, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, and a dynamic marking of *f*. The piano part includes a bass line with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The lyrics "The Red Red Robin" are written below the piano part, with asterisks marking the beginning of the second and third lines of the lyrics.

(Wilfred returns with a white handkerchief, and remains

ta - tion, Oh, _____

heels, Head o - ver, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver

Right in - to you! Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels,

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f

Red * *Red* *

up R. awaiting instructions.)

temp - ta - tion,

heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver

Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels,

f

Oh, temp - -

heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver

Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head

And *

ta - - - - - tion,

heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver

o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels,

And *

Oh, temp - -

heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver

Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels, Head

Allegretto

Più lento
p

ta - - - tion, Temp - ta - tion,

heels, Head o - ver heels, Head o - ver heels! Temp - ta - tion, *p*

o - ver heels, Head o - ver, o - ver heels! Temp - ta - tion, *p*

Più lento
p

Allegretto *

oh, temp - ta - tion!

oh, temp - ta - tion!

oh, temp - ta - tion!

(The Lieutenant beckons to Wilfred, who

comes down, puts handkerchief over Elsie's eyes, and takes her off R.U.E. into Tower.)

smorz.

Lieutenant: And so, good fellow, you are a jester?

Point: Aye, sir, and like some of my jests, out of place.

Lieutenant: I have a vacancy for such an one. Tell me, what are your qualifications for such a post? *(He sits on bench, R.)*

Point: Marry, sir, I have a pretty wit. I can rhyme you extempore; I can convulse you with quip and conundrum; I have the lighter philosophies at my tongue's tip; I can be merry, wise, quaint, grim, and sardonic, one by one, or all at once. I have a pretty turn for anecdote; I know all the jests—ancient and modern—past, present, and to come; I can riddle you from dawn of day to set of sun, and, if that content you not, well on to midnight and the small hours. Oh, sir, a pretty wit, I warrant you—a pretty, pretty wit!

1st Citizen: Well sung and well danced!

2nd Citizen: A kiss for that, pretty maid!

All: Aye, a kiss all 'round. *(They gather around her.)*

Elsie: *(drawing dagger)* Best beware! I am armed!

Point: Back, sirs, back! This is going too far.

2nd Citizen: Thou dost not see the humour of it, eh? Yet there is humour in all things—even in this. *(trying to kiss her)*

Elsie: Help! Help!

(Enter Lieutenant with Guard, R. Crowd falls back.)

Lieutenant: What is this pother?

Elsie: *(C.)* Sir, we sang to these folk, and they would have repaid us with gross courtesy, but for your honour's coming.

Lieutenant: *(to mob)* Away with ye! *(to Guard)* Clear the rabble. *(Guards push crowd off, and go off with them L.U.E.)* Now, my girl, who are you, and what do you here?

Elsie: May it please you, sir, we are two strolling players, Jack Point and I, Elsie Maynard, at your worship's service. We go from fair to fair, singing, and dancing, and playing brief interludes; and so we make a poor living.

Lieutenant: You two, eh? Are ye man and wife?

Point: *(L.C.)* No, sir; for though I am a fool, there is a limit to my folly. Her mother, old Bridget Maynard, travels with us *(for Elsie is a good girl)*, but the old woman is a-bed with fever, and we have come here to pick up some silver to buy an electuary for her.

Lieutenant: Hark ye, girl! Your mother is ill?

Elsie: Sorely ill, sir.

Lieutenant: And needs good food, and many things that thou canst not buy?

Elsie: Alas! sir, it is too true.

Lieutenant: Wouldst thou earn an hundred crowns?

Elsie: An hundred crowns! They might save her life!

Lieutenant: Then listen! A worthy but unhappy gentleman is to be beheaded in an hour on this very spot. For sufficient reasons, he desires to marry before he dies, and he hath asked me to find him a wife. Wilt thou be that wife?

Elsie: The wife of a man I have never seen?

Point: Why, sir, look you, I am concerned in this; for though I am not yet wedded to Elsie Maynard, time works wonders, and there's no knowing what may be in store for us. Have we your worship's word for it that this gentleman will die today?

Lieutenant: Nothing is more certain, I grieve to say.

Point: And that the maiden will be allowed to depart the very instant the ceremony is at an end?

Lieutenant: The very instant. I pledge my honour that it shall be so.

Point: An hundred crowns?

Lieutenant: An hundred crowns!

Point: For my part, I consent. It is for Elsie to speak.