

NEW EDITION WITH TONIC SOL-FA. 77D



EXCELSIOR,

Duet,

THE POETRY BY

Longfellow,

The Music Composed and Dedicated to
THE RIGHT HON^{BLE}

The Earl of Westmoreland,

by

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EXCELSIOR.

Duet.

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VOICES. *Molto moderato.*

Key E Flat { 1st Voice. : .m : m .m | m : - .l : s .l }

The shades of night were falling

PIANO.

mf

dim stacc.

pp

{ d : - : m | f ., m : f ., m : l ., m | m : r : | . m : ba . se : l . t | d' ., t : l : l } *cresc.*

fast, As thro' an Al-pine vil-lage pass'd A youth, who bore 'mid snow and ice A

C. Both voices.

1st voice.

{ s' d' : - . t : r' . d' | t ., l : s : | s : s : s | l : - : | l : s : s | s : . s : s . s }

ban-ner with the strange de-vice, "Ex-cel-si-or!" "Ex-cel-si-or!" His brow was

{ s' m : . l : se . l | d' : - : se | f ., m : f ., m : l ., m | l : s : | . s : fe . s : t . l | l . s : m : m }

sad, his eye be-neath, Flash'd like a falch-ion from its sheath, And like a sil-ver clar-ion rung, The

{ m : - . s : f . r | m ., r : d : | m s : s : s | l : - : | l : s : s | s : . s : s . s } *cresc.*

ac-cents of that unknown tongue, "Ex-cel-si-or!" "Ex-cel-si-or!" In hap-py

{ s : - . m : r . d | d : - : m | l . , s : l . , s : l . m | s : f : | . f : m . f : r' . t }

homes he saw the light Of house-hold fires gleam warm and bright, A bove the spectral

{ t : d' : r' | m' : - : d' | m' : - : r' }
cresc

gla_ciers shone, And from..... his lips es - cap'd a - groan, "Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si -

{ d' }
 - or!
 { m : . d' : d' . d' | d' : . d : d . d | d : . d' : d' . d' }

- or! "Try not the pass," the old man said, Dark low'rs the

{ d : . d : d . d | d : - . d' : d' . d' | d' : d . d : d . d }

tem - - pest o - ver head, The roar - ing tor - rent is deep and

ff | m' : m' : m' | m' : - : f' | m' : - : f' : r' : s' } *riten.*

wide. And loud that cla - rion voice re - plied, "Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si -

ff | m : m : m | m : - : f | s : - : t }

cresc *ff* *ff* *col canto.*

E♭ 1st Voice. *tas' : s . s | s : - . m : r . d | d : - : m | l . , s : l . , s : l . , m | s . fe : f :*

- or!" "O stay, O stay," the maiden said, "And rest thy wea - ry head up - on this breast,"

ff *p* *pp*

A tear stood in his bright blue eye, But still he ans - wer'd with a sigh, Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si -

Both voices *ms : s : s | l : - : | l : s : s ||*

cresc *f*

2nd Voice. *s : . m : m . m | m : - . r : d . t | l : : l | s . , l : s . , s : s . , r | m : - : -*

- or!" Beware the pine..... tree's wither'd branch, Be - ware the aw - ful a - va - lanche,

p

F *d . s : l . t : d . r | m . , f : s : | . s : l . t : d . r | m . , f : s :*

This was the pea - sant's last good night, A voice re - plied far up the height,

Db 1st Voice.

$\{ \overset{s}{t} : t : t \mid d : - : - \mid t : t : t \mid d' : - : - \mid d^b t : t : t \}$
ppp *sempre pianissimo.*

"Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si -
 $\{ d : m : s \mid s : : \mid d : m : s \mid s : : \}$

"Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!"

$\{ d' : - : - \mid d' : - : - \mid s : - : - \mid f : - : - \parallel m : : \mid : : \}$
riten.

"Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!"
 $\{ l : - : - \mid s : - : - \mid t : - : - \parallel d : : \mid : : \}$

"Ex - cel - si - or!"

colla parte *pp*

pp *m*

At

pp *d*

At

$\{ m : - . s : f . l \mid l . s : s . d' \mid d' : - . t : l . s \mid s . f : r : \mid r . m . f : l . s : f . s \mid f : m : \}$
ad lib.

break of day, as hea-venward, The pi - ous monks of San Bernard Utter'd an oft re-peat-ed pray'r

$\{ d : - . m : r . f \mid f . m : m . m \mid m : - . s : f . m \mid m . r : s : \mid t . d . r : f . m : r . t . \mid r : d : . , m \}$
ad lib.

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: : | : : .r' | r : - .r' : r' .r' | r .,s : s : | s : s : s | l :- : | l : s : s }
 A voice cried thro' the startled air, "Ex_cel_si - or!" "Ex_cel_si -
 voice cried thro' the startled air A voice cried thro' the startled air, "Ex_cel_si - or!" "Ex_cel_si -

{ s : : || : : .m | m :- .s : f .l | l .,s : s : .d' | d' :- .t : l .s | s .f : r : .l }
 - or!" A tra_vell_er, by the faith_ful hound, Half bu - ried in the snow was found, Still
 - or!" A tra_vell_er, by the faith_ful hound, Half bu - ried in the snow was found, Still

{ l .,s : l .s : f .s | f : m : | : : : : : }
 grasp_ing in his hand of ice..... That
 grasp_ing in his hand of ice..... That ban - ner with the strange de_vice, That

{ t :- .t : t .t | t .,t : t : | m' : m' : m' | m' :- f' | m' :- .f' : r' : s' }
 ban - ner with the strange de_vice, "Ex_cel_si - or!" Ex_cel - si -
 ban - ner with the strange de_vice, "Ex_cel_si - or!" Ex_cel - si -

Both voices. | d' : :t .,l | s : - :s | fe :t : - .l | s : - : |

or!" There in the twi - light cold..... and grey,

f : - :s .s | s :m :d' | t :r :f | m : - : | d : - .,t l |

Life - less but beau - ti - ful..... he lay, And from the

s : - :s | fe :t : - .l | s : - : *cresc.* | s : - :s |

sky se - vere..... and far A voice fell

s : - :r | r' : - :d' | t : : | f :m :r |

like a fall - ing star. Ex - cel - si -

fall - ing star.

d' : : | f' :m' :r' | d' : : | de' :de' :de' | m' :r' :f' |

or! Ex - cel - si - or! Ex - cel - si - or!..... Ex -

s :f :m | r : : | s :f :m | l : - : - | - : - :la

Ex - cel - si - or! Ex - cel - si - or!..... Ex -

{ m' :— :r' | d' : : | f' :m' :r' | d' : : | f' :m' :r' }
 - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si -
 { s :— :f | m : : | : : | s :f :m | r : : }
 - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!"

{ d' : : | de' :de' :de' | m' :r' :f' | m' :— :r' }
 - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!"..... "Ex - cel - si -
 { s :f :m | l :— :— | — :— :la | s : :f }
 "Ex - cel - si - or!"..... "Ex - cel - si -

{ d' : : | r' :r' :r' | m' : : | r' :r' :r' | m' : : }
 - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!"
 { m : : | s :s :s | d : : | s :s :s | d : : }
 - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!" "Ex - cel - si - or!"

{ f' :-: | r' :s' :-: | d' :-: :-: | — : : ||
 "Ex - cel - si - or!".....
 { l :-: | t :t :-: | d' :-: :-: | — : : ||
 "Ex - cel - si - or!".....