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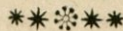
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NON TROPPO ALLEGRO.

VOICE.

PIANO.

Tranquillo.

p

I hear thee speak... of the

Bet - ter Land,.... Thou call'st its chil - dren a hap - py band,

cresc:

Mother, where.... is that ra-diant shore, Shall we not seek it,

cresc:

shall we not seek it, and weep no more?.... Is it

cresc:

where the flow'r of the orangeblows, And the fire-flies dance thro' the

cresc:

as

Lento.

myrtle boughs?..... Not there, not there my

Lento.

dim: e. rall:

Ped

Tempo 1^o

child.

p Tranquillo.

mf

Is it far a - way in some re - gion old, Where the

cresc:

ri - vers wan - - - der o'er sands of gold, Where the burning rays . . . of the

cresc:

ru - by shine, And the diamond lights up, the diamond lights up the

cresc: ed agitato

se - - - - - eret mine, And the pearl gleams forth . . . from the

cresc:

mf
 co...ral strand — Is it there, sweet mo...ther, that Bet...ter Land, Is it

there, sweet mother, that Bet...ter Land?.....
mf *Ped dim.*

Lento. p
 Not there, not there, my
Lento. p
e-rall:

Tempo I?
 child.
pp Tranquillo.
rall:
 The better Land.

*Molto Andante,
tranquillamente.*

p Eye hath not seen it, my gen- tle boy, Ear hath not heard its deep

Molto Andante.

pesante.

p

songs of joy, Dreams can-not pic-ture a world so fair,

cresc:

cresc:

Sor-row and death, sor-row and death may not en-ter there;

sempre cres- - cen - - do.

Time doth not breathe on its fade-less bloom, on its fadeless bloom,

sempre cres- - cen - - do.

sf Far be - - yond, ... be - yond the clouds, *p* Far be - -

sf *dim:* *ff*

- yond, ... beyond the tomb; ... Far beyond the clouds and beyond the tomb, It is

p *cresc:* *dim:* *cresc:*

con tutta la forza. *ff* there, it is there, my child, it is there, 'tis

rit: *ff* *rit:*

there! *ff* *rit:* *ff* *ped* *gaa* *

The better Land.

