

6. The Evening Primrose

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Andante tranquillo
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SOPRANO
When once the sun sinks in the west, And dew - drops pearl the

ALTO
When once the sun sinks in the west, And dew - drops pearl the

TENOR
When once the sun sinks in the west, And dew - drops pearl the

BASS
When once the sun sinks in the west, And dew - drops pearl the

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eve-ning's breast; Al-most as pale as moon-beams are, as moon-beams are,

eve-ning's breast; Or its com-pan - ion - a - ble star,-

eve-ning's breast;

eve-ning's breast;

8 *pp*
 The eve - ning prim - rose o - pen a - new _____ In blos - soms _____

pp *ppp*
 The eve - ning prim - rose o - pen a - new _____ In blos - soms _____

pp
 The eve - ning prim - rose o - pen a - new *p* its del - i - cate blos - soms _____ to the dew _____

pp *ppp*
 The eve - ning prim - rose o - pen a - new _____ In blos - soms _____

pp *ppp*

12 *pp* *cresc.*
 And, her - mit - like, shun - ning the light, Wastes its fair bloom up - on the night,

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pp *cresc.*

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16 *pp* Who, blind-fold to its fond ca - res - ses, *ppp* ca - res - ses

pp Who, blind-fold to its fond ca - res - ses, *ppp* ca - res - ses

Knows not the beau - ty he pos - ses - ses.. *pp* *pp*

20 *cresc.* Thus it blooms on while night is by;— *f* When day looks out with o - pen eye, *mf*

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dim.

'Bashed at the gaze it can-not shun, *pp* It faints and wi - thers and is gone—

p dim.

'Bashed at the gaze it can-not shun, — *pp* It faints and wi - thers

p dim.

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p dim.

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p dim.

pp

pp

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(ppp)

It faints and wi - thers and is gone, — and — is gone.

and is gone— *pp* It faints and wi - thers and is — gone.

pp It faints and wi - thers and is gone— *pp* It faints and — is gone.

is gone,— *pp* It faints and wi - thers and — is — gone.