

My gentle harp

County Derry melody
arr. BOB CHILCOTT

Flexible and Expressive (♩ = 66)

mp

My gen-tle

harp once more, I wa - ken The sweet-ness of thy slum - b'ring

strain; in tears our last fare-well was ta - ken, and now in

tears we meet a - gain. Yet e-ven then while peace was

14

sing - ing her hal-cyon song o'erland and sea, Though joy and

mf

17

hope to oth - ers bring - ing, She on-ly brought new tears to

f *mp*

20

thee.

mp

Then who can

24 *p*

My droo-ping harp, from

ask for notes and pleas - ure, My droo-ping harp, from chords like

27

chords like thine? the lark's as ill would

thine? A-las the lark's gay mor-ning meas - sure as ill would

30 *mp*

suit the swan's de - cline. But come, if yet thy frame can

suit the swan's de - cline.

33 *cresc.*

bor - row, one breath of joy oh, breath for me, And show the

cresc.

mp cresc.

36 *f* *dim.* *mp*

world in chains and sor - row how sweet thy mu - sic still can be.

f *dim.* *mp*

f *dim.* *mp*

40 *p* *rit.* *pp*

still can be.

p *pp*

rit. *pp*