

The violins swayed the languorous waltz
With a cadence in haunting minor strain;
'Twas our last dance—how the mem'ry halts
At the sound of an old refrain.

The fragrance of roses, rustle of lace,
And the throbbing of pleading, sweet-toned strings,
'Twas our last dance—grant a heart-beat's grace,
To the joy that a mem'ry brings.

—Frederick H. Martens.

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High Voice

Medium Voice

To Anna George de Mille

Low Voice

The Last Dance

FREDERICK H. MARTENS

HARRIET WARE

Andante

The vi - o - lins swayed

legato

the lan - - - guor-ous waltz, With a

rit.

ca - - dence in haunt - ing mi - nor strain, in haunt - ing

mi - nor strain; Ah,

'Twas our last dance Ah,

How mem'-ry halts At the sound of an old re-

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the voice, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of four flats, and a common time. The lyrics "mi - nor strain;" appear above the notes, followed by "Ah," on the next line. The middle staff is for the piano, featuring a bass clef and a key signature of four sharps. The bottom staff is also for the piano, with a bass clef and a key signature of four sharps. The lyrics "'Twas our last dance" appear below the notes, followed by "Ah," on the next line. The third section starts with the lyrics "How mem'-ry halts" above the notes, followed by "At the sound of an old re-" on the next line. The music includes various dynamics like forte and piano, and performance markings like grace notes and slurs.

a tempo

un poco accel.

frain. Fra-grance of ros - es, rus-tle of lace, And the

a tempo

un poco accel.

throb-bing of plead - ing, sweet - toned strings, The fra-grance of

cresc.

ros - es, rus - tle of lace, And the throb-bing of plead - ing,

rif.

sweet - toned strings. Ah,

rif. *pp a tempo*

'Twas our last dance Ah,
 Grant us a
 heart-beat's grace, To the joy that a mem-'ry
 * brings.
 accel. rit.