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Answer to
Oh share my Cottage.

WHY ASK ME NOW TO SHARE WITH THEE

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WHY ASK ME NOW TO SHARE.

Andantino con espressione.

PIANO.

Why ask me now to share with thee, Thy cottage on yon flow'ry lea? Why

tell of wood-bines sweet and rare, Of flow'rs that bloom and cluster there? Of

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cres. *p*

peace that dwell in thy dear home, Near which nor care nor

cres. *p*

cres. *f poco accel.*

grief shall come; Of hap-pi-ness 'twould be to dwell with me, In that

cres. *f*

tempo. *poco meno.* *rall:*

sweet cottage home to thee, In that sweet, in that sweet cottage home to

pp

thee.

p *pp*

Why ask me now to share.

Oh! know'st thou not that care and grief, Are with us, in our

p

so---journ brief In this sad world— not ev'n thy smile, Could

save me from their treacherous wile. Thy flowers will fade; thy

cres.

cres.

joys grow dim; Thy love too— will it flee with them? Oh

p

p

Why ask me now to share.

cres. *f* poco accel. 5

no, I'll trust and share with thee, Thy cottage on yon flow'--ry

cres. *f*

tempo. poco meno. rall.

lea, Thy cottage, thy cottage on yon flow'--ry lea.

pp

Why ask me now to share.

Webb.