

# The Old Oaken Bucket

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Voice and Piano

Moderato  
*mp*

1. How dear to this heart are the scenes of my child-hood, When fond rec-ol - lec - tion pre -  
 2. The moss cov-er'd buck - et I hail as a treas - ure, For of - ten at noon when re -  
 3. How soon from the green mos - sy rim to re - ceive it, As pois'd on the curb it re -

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*mf*

sents them to view, The or - chard, the mead - ow, the deep tan-gled wild-wood, And  
 turn'd from the field, I found it the source of an ex - qui-site pleas - ure, The  
 clin'd to my lips, Not a full flow - ing gob - let could tempt me to leave it, Tho'

*mf*

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ev - 'ry lov'd spot which my in - fan - cy knew. The wide spread - ing stream, - the  
 pur - est and sweet - est that na - ture can yield. How ar - dent I seized it with  
 fill'd with the nec - tar that Ju - pi - ter sips. And now far re - moved from the

10 *cresc.* *f*

mill that stood near it, The bridge and the rock where the cat - a - ract fell. The  
hands that were glow - ing, And quick to the white peb - bled bot - tom it fell. Then  
loved sit - u - a - tion, The tear of re - gret will in - tru - sive - ly swell. As

13 *mf* *dim.*

cot of my fa - ther, the dai - ry house by it, And e'en the rude buck - et that hung in the well.  
soon with the em - blem of truth o - ver - flow - ing, And drip - ping with cool - ness it rose from the well. The  
fan - cy re - verts to my fa - ther's plan - ta - tion, And sighs for the buck - et that hung in the well.

17 *ret.* *rit.*

old oak - en buck - et the i - ron bound buck - et, The moss cov - er'd buck - et that hung in the well.