I Cannot Sing the Old Songs

Claribel [C. A. Barnard (1830-1869)] **Voice and Piano** Claribel (1830-1869)

Moderato

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1. I can-not sing the old songs, I sung long years a - go For heart and voice would fail me, And fool - ish tears would flow; For by - gone hours come o'er my heart, with each fa - mil --iar strain I can - not sing the old songs, Or dream those dreams a - gain, I can - not sing the old songs,

2. I can-not sing the old songs, Their charm is sad and deep; Their mel - o - dies would wa - ken Old sor - rows from their sleep; And though all un - for - got - ten still, and sad - ly sweet they be, I can - not sing the old songs, They are too dear to me.

3. I can-not sing the old songs, For vis - ions come a - gain, Of gold - en dreams de - part - ed And years of wea - ry pain; Per - haps when earth - ly fet - ters shall have set my spir - it free, My voice may know the old songs, For all e - ter - ni - ty.

cresc. *dim.*

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