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As thro' an alpine village passed
A youth who bore "mid snow and ice
A banner with the strange device –
"Excelsior".

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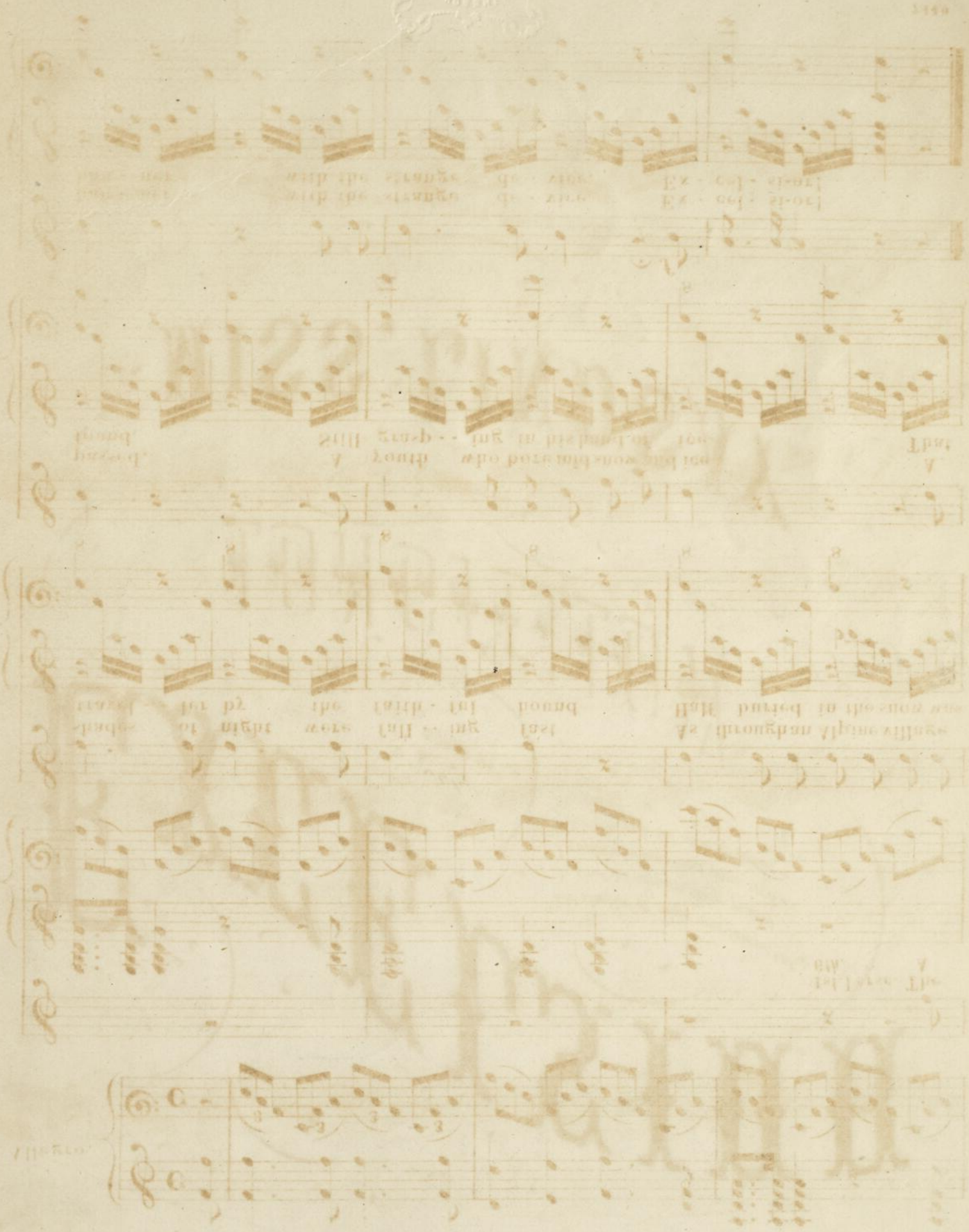

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Allegro.

1st. *Verse.* The
6th. " A

shades of night were fall -- ing fast As through an Alpine village
travel - - ler by the faith - ful hound Half buried in the snow was

passed, A youth who bore mid snow and ice A
found, Still grasp - - ing in his hand of ice That

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ban - ner with the strange de - vice, Ex - cel - si-or!
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2.—His brow was sad, his eye be - - neath Flash'd like a faulchion from its
3."Try not the pass," The old man said, "Dark lowr's the tempest over

sheath, And like a silver clarion rung, The
head, The roar - - - ing torrent is deep and wide," But

ac - - cents of that un - - known tongue, Ex - cel - si-or! Ex -
loud that clarion voice re-plied, Ex - cel - si-or!

- cel - si - or! Ex - cel - - - - - - - - - - - - si - or!

cres.

Con espress.

4. "Oh! stay," the maid--en said, "and rest Thy wea--ry head up-on my

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breast;" A tear stood in his bright blue eye, But

ten.

still he answered with a sigh, Ex-cel-si-or! Ex-

rall.

-cel-si-or! Ex-cel - - - - - - - - - - si-or!

a tempo.

5.—"Be - - ware the pine tree's withered branch! Be -

- ware the aw - - ful av - - a - - - lanche!"

This was the peas-ant's last good night. A

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voice re - plied far up the height, Ex - - cel - - si - - or!

Andante ma non troppo.

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7.—There in the twi - light cold and grey, Life - less, but beautiful he

lay, And from the sky se - rene and far A

p ma con spirito.

voice fell like a fall - ing star, Ex - cel - si - or! Ex -

p

- cel -- si - or! Ex - - cel - - - - - - - - - - - si - - or!

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