

THE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.
A BALLAD

Arranged with Accompaniments for the

PIANO FORTE.

Sung with Distinguished applause

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EGRETTO.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in C major, 4/4 time, marked 'EGRETTO.' and 'f'. The introduction consists of a series of eighth-note patterns in the right hand and chords in the left hand. The vocal melody enters in the second system, with the lyrics 'I'll sing you a good old song That was made by a good old Pate Of a'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords. The third system of the vocal melody has the lyrics 'fine Old Eng...lish Gen...tle...man who had an old Es...tate And who'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords. The score ends with a final chord in the piano part.

I'll sing you a good old song That was made by a good old Pate Of a

fine Old Eng...lish Gen...tle...man who had an old Es...tate And who

kept up his old Mansion At a bounti-ful old rate, With a good old Porter to relieve the

old Poor at his Gate, Like a fine old English Gen-tle-man, all of the Olden Time.

2

His hall so old was hung about with pikes, and guns, and bows,
 And swords, and good old bucklers, which had stood some tough old blows;
 'Twas there "His Worship" sat in state, in doublet and trunk hose,
 And quaff'd his cup of good old sack to comfort his old nose,
 Like a fine old English Gentleman, one of the Olden Time.

3

His custom was when Christmas came, to bid his friends repair;
 To his old hall, where feast and ball for them he did prepare,
 And though the rich he entertain'd, he ne'er forgot the poor,
 Nor was the houseless wanderer e'er driven from the door
 Of this good old English Gentleman, one of the Olden Times.

4

Yet, all at length, must bend to Fate! so, like the ebbing tide,
 Declining gently to the last, this fine Old Man he died,
 The widows' and the orphans' tears bedew'd his cold graves side,
 And where's the scutcheon that can show so much the worth and pride
 Of a fine old English Gentleman, one of the Olden Times!

5

But times and seasons though they change, and customs pass away,
 Yet, English hands and English hearts will prove Old England's sway;
 And though our coffers mayn't be fill'd as they were wont of yore
 We still have hand to fight, if need, and hearts to help the poor,
 Like the good old English Gentleman, all of the Olden Time.

