I Cannot Sing the Old Songs

Claribel (Charlotte Alington Barnard)  
CLARIBEL (1830-1869)  
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Voice and Piano

I cannot sing the old songs, I sung long years ago For heart and voice would fail me, And foolish tears would flow;  
for heart and voice would fail me, And foolish tears would flow; For by-gone hours come o'er my heart, with

Their charm is sad and deep; Their melodies would wa-ken Old sorrows from their sleep; And though all un-for-gotten still, and

I cannot sing the old songs, For visions come again, Of golden dreams de-parted And years of weary pain; Perhaps when earth-ly fet-ters shall have

One-ly sweet they be, I cannot sing the old songs, They are too dear to set my spirit free, My voice may know the old songs, For all et-ter-

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gain, I cannot sing the old songs, Or dream those dreams again.
me, I cannot sing the old songs, They are too dear to me.
ty, My voice may know the old songs, For all eternity.

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