

Vilja's Song

Allegretto moderato. from The Merry Widow

Now sing our dear Mar - so - vian rhyme, A bal - lad made in

SON.

old - en time, The sto - ry all our chil - dren know, A - bout a Vil - ia long a -

SONG--(Sonia.) "VILIA"
Allegretto

SON.

- go! 1. There once was a wood - maid en

SON.

Vil ia, A witch of the wood, A hunt - er be - held her a -
smiled, and no an - swer she gave, But beck - ond him in - to the

SON.

lone as she stood. The spell of her beau - ty up -
 shade of the cave; He nev - er had known such a

SON.

on him was laid; He look'd and he long'd for the
 rap - tur - ous bliss, No maid - en of mort - als so

SON.

mag - ic - al maid! For a sud - dentrem or ran, Right thro' the love - be - wild - er'd
 sweet - ly can kiss! As be - fore her feet he lay She vanish'd in the wood a -

SON.

man, And he sigh'd as a hap - less lov - er can.
 - way, And he call'd vain - ly till his dy - ing day!

SON.

"Vil - ia, O Vil - ial the witch of the wood, Would I not

p

con Fed.

SON.

die for you, dear, if I could! Vil - ia, O Vil - ia, my

SON.

love and my bride!" Soft - ly and sad - ly he sighd.

p

CHOR.

mf

Vil - ia, O Vil - ial the witch of the wood!

Vil - ia, O Vil - ial the witch of the wood!

Vil - ia, O Vil - ial witch of the wood!

mf

CHO. *mf*
Would I not die for you, dear, if I could!
mf
Would I not die for you, dear, if I could!
mf
Would I not die for you, dear, if I could!

SON. *ppp*
"Vil - ia, O Vil - ia, my love and my bride!"
ppp

SON. *ppp*
Soft - ly and sad - ly he sigh'd.
1.

SON. *Allegretto.*
p *f* *p* *f* *pp*
2. The

SON.

sigh'd, Sad - ly he sigh'd Vil - ia.

For love he died.

CHO.

For love he died.

For love he died.

f *pp* *f*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* * *Red.* * *Red.*

Vivace.

CHO.

Down in dear Mar - so - via, that's the

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Vivace.

f *p* *f*

Red.