50268

Music Department

To Mr. Louis P. Pfau.

# Stay

Song

Words by

Kate Ashley

Music by

J. L. GILBERT.

*Author of*
*"Bonnie Sweet Bessie." "Not a sparrow falleth" &c. &c.*

BOSTON
WHITE, SMITH & COMPANY
*516 Washington St*

# "STAY."

FOR MEZZO SOPRANO OR TENOR.

*Words by* ***KATE ASHLEY.*** *Music by* ***J. L. GILBERT.***

*Andante con moto.*

1. In the heart of a rose I breathed a sigh, And whispered "Stay, oh, stay Her voice in the per - fume came floating by, I cried, "oh, Stay love stay" She sighed as she gazed in my tearful face, And

2. My love I clasp'd in fond em - brace, And

*p*

*cres.*

*cres.*



Copyrighted mdccclxxxviii by White Smith and Co.

*f* *ral* . . . . . *tempo.*

must a - way, a - way I said to a bird in an
said I must a - way: The sails are un - furl'd and the

old elm - tree Oh! bide with me al - way's, He
breeze is fair; The day - light fades a - way: Re -

*mf* *ritard.*

sang a sweet song as he turned to flee, But fled with his roun - de -
-mem - ber me love at the hour of pray'r, "But my heart still cried" oh,

*poco lento con passione.*

- lay,
stay."
Oh thus I cried will ye wing your flight, Sweet
"A - las!" I cried as o'er the tide The

*animato.* *p*

hopes of my life to - day, Is the glimpse of a joy, that must end in night, All the
ship faded from my view "The song-birds have fled and the flow'rs are dead My

*ral* . . . . . *a tempo.*

heart can hold for aye, But the song of the birds And the beauty of flowers, Re -
love has left me, too." But the flow'rs that I prized, And the birds that I mourn'd, Came

*poco piu allegro.*

- turn with the breath of May; So will mu-sic as sweet and as rose-ate hours Be
back with the spring a - gain; And the lass that I loved to my arms re - turn'd Safely

*colla voce.*

*f* *ral* . . . . . .

mine a - gain one day Be mine a - gain one day.
home o - ver the main Safely home o - ver the main.



R.W. Sherwood.