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# I WANNA GO BACK

(TO DEAR OLD MOTHER'S KNEE)

WORDS BY  
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*Helen Hayes*

MUSIC BY  
JAMES F. HANLEY



Memory shows the  
gentle happiness of  
yore in the regretful  
crystal of the past.

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Moderato

Piano

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, marked Moderato. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment. There are triplets in both hands towards the end of the introduction.

Years a - go when but a child I wan - der'd  
He who wan - ders, miss - es soft ca - res - es, And

The first line of the song features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The piano part provides a harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line. The lyrics are: "Years a - go when but a child I wan - der'd / He who wan - ders, miss - es soft ca - res - es, And".

long the path that led from Home Sweet Home — Now years have passed and in those years I've  
as he grows his heart cries now and then — When man-hood comes the wan-drer's heart con-

The second line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "long the path that led from Home Sweet Home — Now years have passed and in those years I've / as he grows his heart cries now and then — When man-hood comes the wan-drer's heart con-".

pon - der'd I miss that moth - er love, I'm all a - lone.  
fess - es He'd like to be a ba - by once a - gain.

The third line of the song features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "pon - der'd I miss that moth - er love, I'm all a - lone. / fess - es He'd like to be a ba - by once a - gain." The piano part includes a *rall.* marking at the end of the line.

Refrain (In moderate time)

I wan - na go back to dear old moth - er, I just wan - na

The refrain is marked "Refrain (In moderate time)". It features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I wan - na go back to dear old moth - er, I just wan - na". The piano part includes a *p-f* marking and triplets.

see her face and then Have her pet my cheeks and scold me, With her

arms en - fold me, To her a - pron strings a - gain. I wan - na go

back and smooth each wrin - kle Wrin - kles of care just o - ver

me, For my hearts to - night in my old Ken - tuck - y home I wan - na go

back to dear old moth - er's knee. knee.

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## "MAMMY O' MINE"



CHORUS (Slow and tenderly)

Mam-my O' Mine, Be-low that Old Dix-on Line, Oh, how I'm

Refrain (Tenderly)

Hearts that are brok-en in twain, Ne'er may be

## "HEARTS"

BALLAD

## "LONGING"

BALLAD



There comes a long-ing, A might-y long-ing for just a glance from those dreamy-

Refrain (Slowly & Tenderly)

Peg-gy, pret-ty Peg-gy, with your great big eyes of blue,

## "PEGGY"

IRISH BALLAD



## "IDOL"

ORIENTAL NOVELTY



Chorus

Two lit-tle hands out stretched are plead-ing, The love of

Refrain (Tenderly)

Bro-ken bloss-oms, may-be a vio-let

## "BROKEN BLOSSOMS"

BALLAD

## "DAY BY DAY"

BALLAD



*Tempo*

Day by day I'm feel-ing loné-ly; Day by day I want you on-ly,

Blow her back sweet ev-nin' breeze, Blow my ba-by back to me.

## "BREEZE"

BLOW MY BABY BACK TO ME

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