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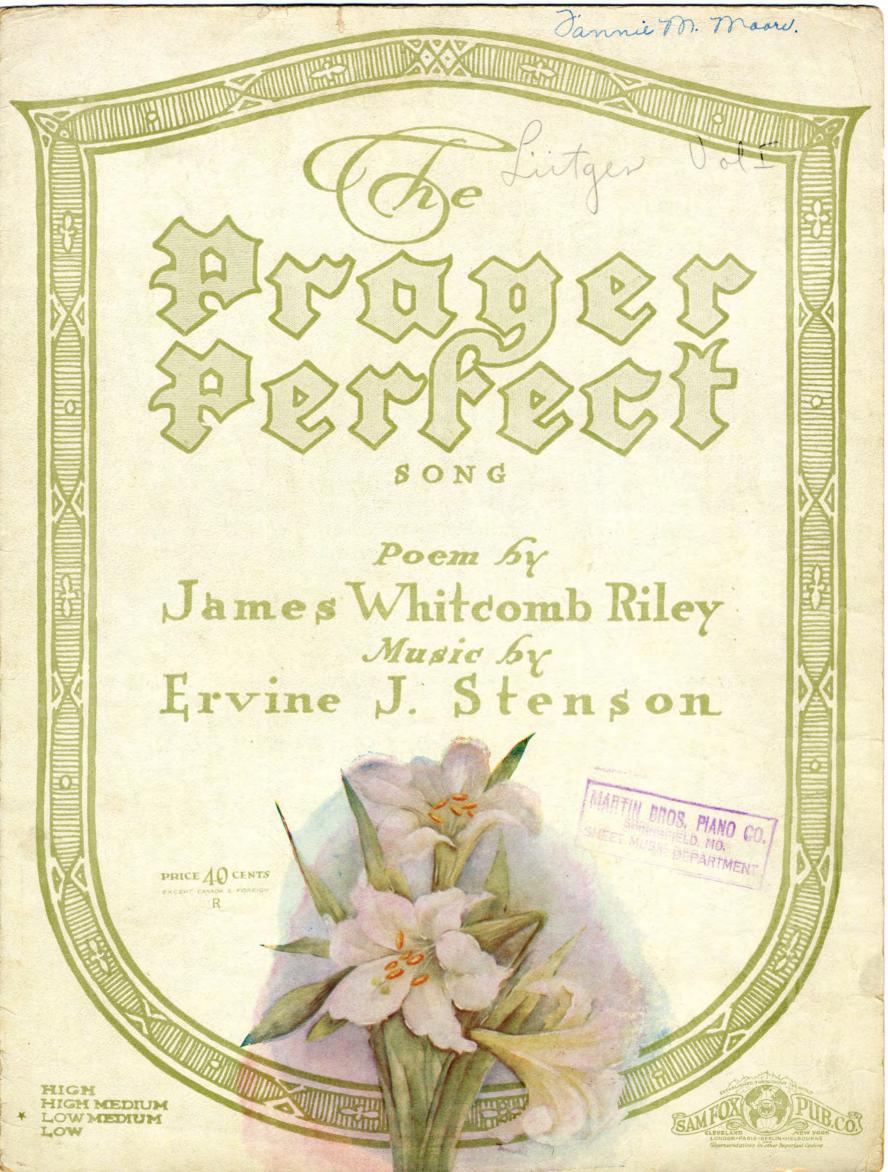
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Dear Lord! Kind Lord!
Gracious Lord! I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love
Tenderly today!
Weed their hearts of weariness,
Scatter every care
Down a wake of Angel-wings
Winnowing the air.

Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain;
Let the lips of laughter
Overflow again;
And with all the needy,
O divide, I pray,
This vast treasure of content
That is mine today!

James Whitcomb Riley.



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Dawn wind sighs; Wild Bird waking; Paling stars— Day now breaking.

From thy lodge Smoke plume winging;— Soon you come Thru red willows singing. Sweet love song
My flute calling;
O'er far hills
Dawn light falling.

From her lodge
Wild Bird coming;—
Hark, my heart!
Hush, now, thy wild drumming!

INDIAN DAWN



Poem by CHARLES O. ROOS

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