



The Bard's Love

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Cariad y Bardd

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The bard, Hoel ap Einion, fell in love with the celebrated Myfanwy Vechan, who lived at Castel Dinas Bran, in the Vale of Llangollen around 1390. He died brokenhearted because she rejected him.

Gracefully

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction for the piano, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature (C) that changes to 3/4. The piano part begins with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system introduces the vocal line with lyrics in Welsh and English. The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. Chord symbols (D, Em/D, Em, E7, A) are placed above the vocal line. A large watermark '©' is visible in the center of the page.

System 1: Instrumental Introduction

Chords: D, Em/D, D, Em, E7, A, *mp*

System 2: Vocal Entry

Chords: D, A, D

Lyrics:
 * Hy - wel the Bard fell e - ver so deep - ly in love,
 was in his mu - sic in - spired by this great love,

System 3: Continuation

Chords: A, E, A, D, E7, 1 A

Lyrics:
 She was a beau - ty, My - fan - wy her name; It
 His spi - rit breathed out a fierce fie - ry

* 'Hywel' can be pronounced 'Howell'.

** The 'f' in Myfanwy sounds as 'v'.