

3. LONG TIME AGO

(Ballad)

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Moderately slow ($\text{D} = 76$)

On the lake where droop'd the wil-low Long time a - go

Where the rock threw back the bil-low Bright - er than snow.

p

p legato

rit. *a tempo*

mp

rit. *a tempo*

mf

rit. simile

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Dwelt a maid be - loved and cher-ish'd By high and
p

low But with au - tumn leaf she per-ish'd Long time a
mp rit.
p rit.

a tempo
go.

mf a tempo *mp rit. a tempo*
p

mf
 Rock and tree and flow - ing wa-ter Long time a - go
bell-like.
mf * *ad. simile*

Bird and bee and blos - som taught her Love's spell to know
rit. *a tempo*

While to my fond words she lis-ten'd Mur - mur - ing-

p

low Ten - der-ly her blue eyes glis-ten'd
mf

Long time a - go -
p rit. *a tempo*

p rit. *mp a tempo* *rit.* *p pp*