



The National Music of Ireland; Containing the History of the Irish Bards, the National Melodies, the Harp, and Other Musical Instruments of Erin

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