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A YAWNING SONG.

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Moderato.

f *accelerando.* *rit.*

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand starts with a series of chords and a melodic line, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The tempo markings are *Moderato*, *f*, *accelerando.*, and *rit.*

1. A sim - ple coun - try maid - en was sweet lit - tle Ma - ry Green, And she had rich re - la - tions liv - ing
2. They dressed her in the fin - est clothes and took her ev - 'ry - where, And yet of all the pla - ces, Ma - ry

mf

The first system of the song features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano part is marked *mf*.

on Man - hat - tan Isle, And Ma - ry's beau - ty was so rare, they fell in love with her, And
liked the thea - tres best, And ma - ny men were in - tro - duced to her at va - rious times, But

off

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano part is marked *off*.

rit.

asked her down to New-York town to vis - it them a - while; Now Ma - ry'd al - ways lived a qui - et
ev - 'ry - where a deb - on - nair young man led all the rest, He came to call on her one night and

life up - on a farm, Where she used to go and milk the cows at ve - ry ear - liest dawn, And
they two sat a - lone, And he pro - posed to lit - tle Ma - ry Green right then and there, But

ev - 'ry night as the clock struck nine poor Ma - ry'd sleep - y get, And no one ev - er told her that 't was
when he asked her to say *Yes* a { darned old } clock struck nine, She could - 'nt an - swer *Yes* or *No*, so
big hall }

CHORUS. (Yawn.)

im-po-lite to yawn, And she'd go like this,— (Yawn) This hab-it was with Ma-ry ve-ry
 he fled in de-spair, For she went like this,— (Yawn.) This hab-it was with Ma-ry ve-ry

mf

keen ; There was noth-ing she could take That would keep her wide a-wake, But
 keen : There was noth-ing she could take That would keep her wide a-wake, But

(Yawn.)

(Yawn.) (Yawn.)

(Yawn hard and long.) Would go that sleep-y head-ed lit-tle Ma-ry Green.
 (Yawn hard and long.) Went that aw-ful sleep-y head-ed lit-tle Ma-ry Green.

p *rit.* *a tempo.* *rit.* *p*