

Will ye no' come back again?

**Traditional Scottish song
arranged by Ken Johnston**

for unaccompanied SSAA voices

Words by Lady Nairne (1766 – 1845)

Version for SATB composed 2001
This version for female voices, 2002

Duration of piece: 5'

The version of this song for unaccompanied SATB voices is also available,
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Slowly ♩ = c.60

p

S1

S2

A1

A2

poco rit.

8 A little faster ♩ = c.68

mp

Bon - nie Char - lie's noo a - wa', Safe - ly owre the friend - ly main. Mo - ny a he'rt will

p

ah Safe - ly owre the friend - ly main. ah

p

ah ah

p

ah ah

13

mp

break in twa, Should he ne'er come back a - gain. Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come

mp

Should he ne'er come back a - gain. Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come

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back a - gain? Bet - ter lo'ed ye can - na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain?_

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A little slower (Tempo 1) poco rit. A little faster (Tempo 2)

oo... ah

oo... ah

oo... Ye trust - ed in your

oo... ah

29

ah

ah

Hie - lan' men, They trust - ed you, dear Char - lie. They kent your hid - ing in the glen,

ah

34

mp poco cresc.

Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come

mp poco cresc.

Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come

mp poco cresc.

Death or ex - ile brav - ing. Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come

mp poco cresc.

Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come

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mf *dim.* *rit.*

back a - gain? Bet-ter lo'ed ye can-na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain?_

mf *dim.*

back a - gain? Bet-ter lo'ed ye can - na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain?_

mf *dim.*

back a - gain? Bet-ter lo'ed ye can - na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain?_

mf *dim.*

back a - gain?_ Bet-ter lo'ed ye can - na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain?_

A little slower (Tempo 1)

44

p *poco cresc.*

p *poco cresc.*

p *poco cresc.*

p *poco cresc.*

poco rit. A little faster (Tempo 2)

50

ah

We watched thee in the gloa - min' hour, We watched thee in the morn - in' grey, Tho'

ah

ah

55

ah Will ye no' come

thir - ty thou - sand pound they gie, Oh, there is nane that wad be - tray. Will ye no' come

ah Will ye no' come

ah Will ye no' come

60

back a - gain? Will ye no' come back a - gain? Bet - ter lo'ed ye

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can-na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come back a - gain? *cresc.*

can - na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come back a - gain? *cresc.*

can - na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come back a - gain? *cresc.*

can - na be, Will ye no' come back a - gain? Will ye no' come back a - gain? *cresc.*

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Will ye no' come back a - gain? Bet - ter lo'ed ye can - na be,

Will ye no' come back a - gain? Bet - ter lo'ed ye can - na be,

Will ye no' come back a - gain? Bet - ter lo'ed ye can - na be,

Will ye no' come back a - gain? Bet - ter lo'ed ye can - na be,

73

rit. **A little slower (Tempo 1)** *rit.*

dim. Will ye no' come back a - gain? oo *p* *dim.*

dim. Will ye no' come back a - gain? oo *p* *dim.*

dim. Will ye no' come back a - gain? oo *p* *dim.*

dim. Will ye no' come back a - gain? oo *p* *dim.*