

Slow Broke the Light

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'an-d so'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Slow broke the light an- d so sweet breath'd the morn when I
saw a maid sit - ting un - der a thorn

1. Slow broke the light
 And so sweet breath'd the morn
 When I saw a maid sitting,
 Under a thorn.
2. Her dark hair hung loosely
 Off a bare neck of snow,
 Her eyes looked bewildered
 Her cheeks pale with woe.
3. 'From whence comes thy sorrow
 Fair maiden? asked I.
 "O the green grass will answer"
 She said with a sigh.
4. "O some say in battle
 My love met his death,
 But aye it was the heat
 That took his sweet breath.
5. "My lover was handsome
 My lover was brave,
 And you gentle Robin
 Shall sing on his grave.
6. "Come here, gentle robin
 And be free from the storm
 Come here, gentle robin
 In my bosom lie warm."

Taken down from an old woman at Upton Pyne by Miss Wyatt-Edgell.