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"A small spark attached to the wick of the candle is considered to indicate  
the arrival of a letter to the one before whom it burns"

# THE LETTER,

A Popular Ballad

From the Songs of the Superstitions of  
**Ireland,**  
as sung with great Applause by  
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*Con Tenerezza*  
*Moderato*  
*Sempre legato*

Fare thee well love now thou art go - ing O - ver the wild and track - less sea,

Smooth be its waves and fair the wind blowing Tho' it is to bear thee far from me But when on the

waste of o - cean, Some happy home - bound bark you see, Swear by the truth of thy

*Ritard.*      *A tempo.*      *Con Espres.*  
*Colla voce.*

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heart's devotion, To send a let\_ter back to me.

*p* *Colla voce.* *Ritard*

Think of the shore thou'st left be\_hind thee, Even when reaching a brighter strand;

*Con Spirito*

Let not the gold\_en glories blind thee, Of that gorgeous Indian land; Send me not its

*Colla voce*

*Molto espres.*

diamond treasures Nor pearls from the depth of its sun\_ny sea But tell me of all thy woes

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and pleasures, In a long let ter back to me.

Ritard

But while dwelling in lands of plea...sure, Think, as you bask in their

bright sunshine, That while the ling?ring time I measure, Sad and wintry

Ritard. A Tempo.

hours are mine; Lonely by my ta...perweeping And watching the spark of promise to see;

Colla voce.

All for that bright spark my night watch keeping For oh tis a let-ter, love, from thee! To

say that soon thy sail will be flow.....ing, Homeward, to bear thee

over the sea, Calm be the waves and swift the wind blowing, For

oh thou art com-ing back to me.

Ritard.

