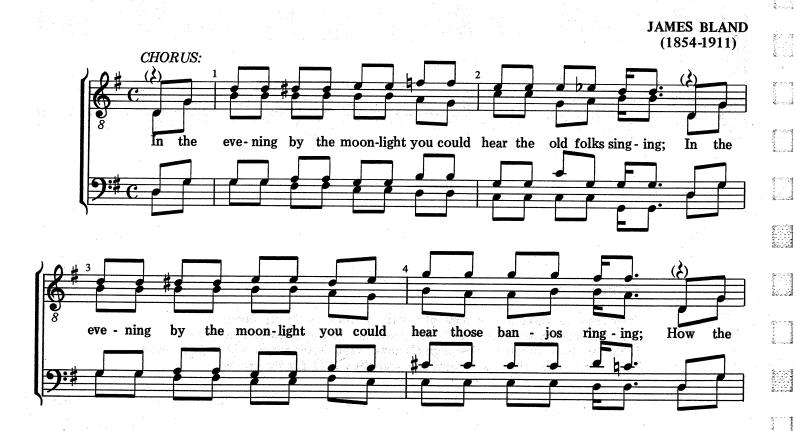
IN THE EVENING BY THE MOONLIGHT

1880

The period following the Civil War through the turn of the century saw the peak of popularity for minstrel entertainments. James Bland was one of the outstanding performers. Many of the finest shows toured England and Europe. Bland's greatest success as a performer came in England. But Bland was careless with money and, in spite of his great success, he returned a poor man.

"In The Evening By The Moonlight" is a long-time favorite harmony song, whether sung in a group around the piano or with a quartet. Its appeal seems to last decade after decade. There is a timeless quality about the words which evokes a feeling of nostalgia in almost everyone. And the simplicity of the melody guarantees that anyone can sing it well.



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