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Valse Moderato.

Musical notation for the piano introduction, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The piece begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The melody is primarily in the right hand, featuring chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment. The piece concludes with a *rall.* (rallentando) marking.

When the rob-in re - turns to it's nest, ——— Af-ter stray-ing a - way from the rest, ———
 When the smile of a fool starts to fade, ——— When he finds out the er-rors he made; ———

Musical notation for the first vocal line, consisting of a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piano accompaniment continues below the vocal line.

— There's a wel-come that waits From it's feath-er - y mates, A wel-come that can't be ex - pressed. —
 — Then the old fashioned truth That he heard in his youth Says, "Go home," but he is a - fraid. —

Musical notation for the second vocal line, consisting of a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piano accompaniment continues below the vocal line.

— So it is with the boy who de - ci - ded ——— From his fath-er and mother to roam. ———
 — As he stands on the threshold of sor - row, ——— With the doors of the world closed up tight, ———

Musical notation for the third vocal line, consisting of a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piano accompaniment continues below the vocal line.

Through his travels he may be mis - guided, But when finally the black sheep comes home.
 He compares yester-day with to-mor - row And de-cides that he'll go home that night.

Chorus.

Ev - ery thing that he did is for - got - ten, And they wel - come him back to the fold,

He knows by their sad wrinkled fa - ces, That the pain of his ab - sence has told, Once a -

gain they all sit 'round the ta - ble As they did in the days of old; And they'll weep tears of

joy, As they whisper "My Boy," When the black sheep returns to the fold. Ev - ery fold.