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S  
Ere I give my heart, My heart a - way,

A  
Ere I give my heart, My heart a - way,

T  
Ere I give my heart, My heart a - way,

B  
Ere I give my heart a - way,

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S  
*pp* Ere I say the word I'll ne'er un - say. *p* Is it

A  
*pp* Ere I say the word I'll ne'er un - say. *p* Is it

T  
*pp* Ere I say the word I'll ne'er un - say. *p* Is it

B  
*pp* Ere I say the word I'll ne'er un - say.

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S  
earn - est with me? Is it play? *f* Did the world in arms Cry to me, *poco accel.*

A  
earn - est with me? Is it play? *f* Did the world in arms Cry to me, *poco accel.*

T  
earn - est with me? Is it play? *f* Did the world in arms Cry to me, *poco accel.*

B  
*p* Is it earn - est with me? *f* Is it play? Did the world in arms Cry to me, *poco accel.*

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S "Stay!" Not a mo - ment then Would I de - lay. *rall.* Yet, for *a tempo p*

A "Stay!" Not a mo - ment then Would I de - lay. *rall.* Yet, for *a tempo p*

T "Stay!" Not a mo - ment then Would I de - lay. *rall.* Yet, for *a tempo p*

B "Stay!" Not a mo - ment then Would I de - lay. *rall.* Yet, for *a tempo p*

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S ve - ry love, I say thee nay. Ere I give my *pp*

A ve - ry love, I say thee nay. Ere I give my *pp*

T ve - ry love, I say thee nay. Ere I give my *pp*

B ve - ry love, I say thee nay. Ere I give my *pp*

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S heart, My heart a - way, Grant me but a *poco p*

A heart, My heart a - way, Grant me but a *poco p*

T heart, My heart a - way, Grant me but a *poco p*

B heart, My heart a - way, Grant me but a *poco p*

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S  
day, love, \_\_\_\_\_ But a day! \_\_\_\_\_

A  
day, love, \_\_\_\_\_ But a day, \_\_\_\_\_ But a day!

T  
day, love, \_\_\_\_\_ But a day, \_\_\_\_\_ but a day!

B  
day, love, \_\_\_\_\_ But a day!

Stainer & Bell  
(1912)

LARGHETTO

GRANT me but a day, love,  
But a day,  
Ere I give my heart,  
My heart away,  
Ere I say the word  
I'll ne'er unsay.

Is it earnest with me?  
Is it play?  
Did the world in arms  
Cry to me, "Stay!"  
Not a moment then  
Would I delay.

Yet, for very love,  
I say thee nay.  
Ere I give my heart,  
My heart away,  
Grant me but a day, love,  
But a day!

Mary Elizabeth Coleridge (1861-1907)

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