

This was found amongst papers following the death of W. Bro. George Allen PPrJGW and it relates to the Master's Song.

It is reproduced verbatim, noting that there are four verses in the original song:

This world is so hard and so stony,  
That if a man is to get through,  
He need have the courage of Nelson,  
And plenty of Job's patience too.  
But a man who is kind to another,  
And cheerfully helps him along,  
We'll claim as a man and a brother,  
And here's to his health in a song.

This life is as cheerless as winter,  
To those who are cold in the heart,  
But the man who is warm in his nature,  
Bids winter forever depart,  
The ground that he treads on will blossom,  
Till beauties around him shall throng,  
God bless such a man and a brother,  
And here's to his health in a song.

As clouds that in sunshine are open,  
Are silver'd by light passing through,  
So men who are generous in spirit,  
Are bless'd by the good deeds they do.  
There's nothing like helping another,  
For gettin g one's self along,  
Who does this is surely a brother,  
And here's to his health in a song.

There's something in other men's sorrows  
That strengthens a man that is true,  
They melt him at first and then mould him,  
The manliest actions to do.  
There's lots of both sorrow and trouble,  
Our poor fellow creatures among,  
But God makes the blessings all double,  
To those who help others along.

n.b. On the reverse of this document it showed the following, which may well be of more general interest.

## **RICHARD ROME BEALEY.**

Born at Rochdale 7th Feb., 1828

Died at Nottingham 5th Feb., 1887

In early life, removed to Manchester. First lived at Crumpsall, then at Old Hall, Stand and finally at 16, Granville St., Brooks' Bar. His leisure hours devoted to literary pursuits; a poet of no mean ability. His poetical work published in four volumes.

"**The Master's Song**" appeared in a collection entitled "**Field Flowers and City Chimes**" (1866) and was titled:-

"**The Man Who is Kind to Another**". Later, it was published as one of a set of 12 Songs, and was re-titled:-

"**Here's to His Health in a Song**"; It was set to music (the tune we know so well) by Dr. John Morgan Bentley, a member of **Alexandra Lodge, No. 993** (Manchester). It is now known as:- "**The Master's Song**", probably because of its special Masonic application. We ought to feel proud of these local connections; Bealey was a Mason: his Mother Lodge is not known. He died a member of **Commercial Lodge, No, 411**, Nottingham.

He died in abject poverty, leaving behind a widow and 7 young children. His state of poverty was probably brought about by his too-free liberality & his tender-heartedness in the consideration of the needs of others. His grave (the whereabouts, was long unknown) is to be found in the churchyard attached to St. John's Church, Carrington, Nottingham. In 1944 the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottingham, had a stone placed over it.

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