

Cinder Hill

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Notes without any syllable should be silent
(eighth note of the melody would be sung
only in the 3rd verse.)

Voice

Half - way up the Cind - er Hill
She was neith - er young nor old, her
 She main - tained her soc - ial stat - ion
For a while the town was rife with
 So for six years she re - mained
She was live - ly, she was loud
 Soon Ma - thil - da's form - er "trade"

Piano

3

back of Jam - i - son's stave - mill
hair was red, six teeth were gold Her
 for a - bout a gen - er - at - ion,
rum - ors of her cloist - ered life.
 in re - tire - ment un - ex - plained
as came a brass band in a crowd
 3 came with shov - el, came with spade

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was the cot - tage of Ma - thil - da
frame was in *large,* *her* *bos - om* *ver* *da*
 waxed in *crip - ry* and in *wealth* *y*
 was *she* *pled,* was *blind,* with -
 Then, for no ap - par - ent reas - on
Taught a with *brand* *new* *stand* *of* *cot* *ton*
 Came with pick and came with hoe

Pno.

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who col - lect - ed pock - et sil - ver
Near *ly* *shamed* *the* *loc* *al* *dair* *y* -
 out ap - par - ent loss of health. Then -
 had *Ma* *thil* *da* *lost* *her* *mind?*
 but that it was bud - ding seas - on,
things *their* *dad* *dies* *had* *for* *got* *ten* -
 in the half moon's tend - er glow -

Pno.

6

from field - hands and stave - mill work - ers,
Though *no* *beaut* *y,* *it* *is* *true,* *Ma* -
 all at once, and God knows why, *Ma* -
For *six* *years* *no* *bod* *y* *saw* *her,* *the*
 old *Ma* *thil* *da* *re* *ap* - peared, *thil* -
seemed *just* *like* *the* *old* *Ma* - *da* -
 Dug the earth up all a - round,

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groc - ers' clerks and so - da - jerk - ers,
thil - da knew a trick or two - - -
thil - da kissed the boys good - by, - - -
ice like man was her on - ly, call - er *And*
but the ef - fort clouds have cleared, killed her.
 turned up eve - ry inch of ground, *It*

Pno.

8

an - y - one with half a dol - lar
That could give a new sens - a - lar
Drew the cur - tains, latched the door - tion - - - *And*
ev - en he was quite un - ab - le
She de - scend - ed in - to town *And*
 be - ing rum - ored that Ma - thil - da

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and no bright - er star to fol - low.
to our old - est re - cre - a - tion.
gave up prac - tice as a whore.
to dis - ting - uish fact from fab - le.
bought the boys drinks all a - round.
cold as in the re - frig - er - a - tor.
 had in - terred her shame - ful silv - er

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10 Some-where in the back of Jam - i - son's stave - mill.

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