Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day - song lyrics

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From "The Mikado.'"

Brightly dawns our wedding day;
Joyous hour, we give thee greeting!
Whither, whither art thou fleeting?
Fickle moment, prithee stay!
What though mortal joy3 be hollow?
Pleasures come, if sorrows follow.
Though the tocsin sound, ere long,
Ding dong! ding dong!
Yet until the shadows fall,
Over one and over all,
Sing a merry madrigal-
A madrigal!
Fal-la-fal-la, etc. (endearing tears).

Let us dry the ready tear,
Though the hours are surely creeping,
Little need for woeful weeping,
Till the sad sundown is near.
All must sip the cup of sorrow-
I to day and thou to-morrow!
This the close of every song-
Ding (long! ding dong!
What though solemn shadows fall
Sooner, later, over all?
Sing a merry madrigal-
A madrigal!
Fal-la-fal-la, etc. {ending in tears).