

An Old Man

(SSAATB version)

Edward Lear (1812-1888)

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(almost too) Sweetly $\text{♩} = 100$

Soprano 1
Soprano 2
Alto 1
Alto 2
Tenor
Bass

mp mp mp p
mp mp mp p
mp mp mp p
mp mp mp p
mp mp mp p
mp stagger breaths p

Ooo Ooo Ooo
Ah Ah Ah
Ah Ah Ah
Ah Ah Ah
Ah Ah Ah
Ah Ah Ah

7 $\text{♩} = 110$

S 1
S 2
A 1
A 2
T
B

Ah (sigh) mp
Ah (sigh) Who
Ah (sigh) mp There was an Old Man with a beard,
Ah (sigh)
Ah (sigh)
Ah (sigh)

(sigh)

Note: This is a whimsical song. Much fun should be had in the **first two** onomatopaeic sections (mm. 14-19 and mm. 29-34). Measures 19 and 34 may be repeated *ad nauseum*; individual singers may alter their own tempos and/or pitches—if desired—for a cacophonous, disorderly effect. **HOWEVER: the last such section (mm. 52-57) should be sung as written, without improvisation.** The sounds made in the onomatopaeic measures are imitations of chickens, owls (and other birds), bees buzzing, and finally soft la-las as one would use to soothe a baby (thank you Joh. Brahms).

11 *mf*

S 1 Two Owls and a Hen, four Larks and a Wren, Have

S 2 said "It is just as I feared! Two Owls and a Hen, four Larks and a Wren, Have—

A 1 Two Owls and a Hen, four Larks and a Wren, Have

A 2 Two Owls and a Hen, four Larks and a Wren, Have

T

B

13 *rit.* *sfz*

S 1 all built their nests in my beard!" Ah

S 2 all built their nests in my beard!" Ah

A 1 all built their nests in my beard!" Ah

A 2 all built their nests in my beard!" Ah

T *pp* hoo hoo

B *pp* hoo hoo hoo hoo

16 *p*

S 1 dee - deet dee - deet dee - deet dee - deet dee - deet dee - deet

S 2 *p* loo - loo loo - loo loo - loo loo - loo loo - loo

A 1 *mp* buk buk, buk, buk buk, buk,

A 2 buk, buk buk, buk, buk buk, buk, buk buk, buk, buk buk,

T *p* hoo hoo hoo hoo hoo hoo

B *p* hoo hoo hoo hoo *mp* hoo hoo

(* mm. 19 may be repeated and improvised)

19* *f* dee - deet dee - deet *mf* (pitch pipe) "Have all built their nests in my beard!"

S 2 *f* loo - loo loo - loo *mf* Have all built their nests in my beard!"

A 1 *f* buk buk, buk, buk buk, buk, *mf* "Have all built their nests in my beard!" — There

A 2 *f* buk, buk buk, buk, buk buk, *mf* Have all built their nests in my beard!"

T *f* hoo hoo *mf* Ooo

B *f* hoo hoo *mf* Ooo

22 *p legato* *mf*

S 1
Ooo _____ Ooo _____ Ooo _____ Ooo _____ When they

22 *p legato* *mf*

S 2
Ooo _____ Ooo _____ Ooo _____ Ooo _____ When they

22 *mp*

A 1
was an old man in a tree, Who was hor - rib - ly bored by a bee. _____ When they

22 *mp legato* *mp*

A 2
Ooo _____ Ooo _____ was hor - rib - ly bored by a bee. _____ When they

22 *mp*

T
8 Doo - Doo Doo - Doo Doo - Doo Doo - Doo Doo - Doo Doo - Doo Ooo _____

22 *mp*

B
Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Ooo _____

24 *sfz*

S 1
said, "Does it buzz?" he re - plied, "Yes, it does! It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!" Ah

24 *sfz*

S 2
said, "Does it buzz?" he re - plied, "Yes, it does! It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!"

24 *sfz*

A 1
said, "Does it buzz?" he re - plied, "Yes, it does! It's reg - lar brute of Beel!" Ah

24 *sfz*

A 2
said, "Does it buzz?" he re - plied, "Yes, it does! It's a reg - lar brute of Beel!" Ah

24 *mp*

T
8 Ooo _____ Ooo _____ Doo Doo Doo

24 *mp*

B
Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo

26 *mf* *cresc.*

S 1 What a buzz, that bee did, that bee did buzz!

26 *mf* *cresc.*

S 2 that it does! that bee did, that bee did buzz!

26 *mp* *cresc.*

A 1 Buzz it does. that bee did, that bee did buzz!

26 *mf* *cresc.*

A 2 said he, be-cuz that bee did, that bee did buzz!

26 *mf* *cresc.*

T Miff'd he was, that bee did, that bee did buzz!

26 *mp* *cresc.*

B Does it buzz? that bee did, that bee did buzz!

29 *mp* *mf*

S 1 zzz zzz

29 *mf*

S 2 zzz zzz

29

A 1

29

A 2

29 *mp* *mf*

T zzz zzz zzz zzz

29 *p* *mp* *mf*

B zzz zzz zzz zzz zzz zzz

(* mm. 34 may be repeated and improvised)

32

mf *f* *f* *

S 1 *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz*

S 2 *zzz zzz* *zzz zzz* *zzz zzz* *zzz zzz* *zzz zzz* *zzz zzz*

A 1 *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz*

A 2 *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz* *zzz zzz zzz*

T *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz*

B *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz* *zzz*

35

mf *p* *Tempo I*

S 1 (pitch pipe) "It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!" Ooo

S 2 "It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!" Ah Ah

A 1 "It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!" Ah Ah

A 2 "It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!" Ah Ah

T "It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!" Ah

B "It's a reg - u - lar brute of a Beel!" Ah

40 *mp* *mf* *mp* *pp* *mf*

S 1 Ooo Ooo Ooo There

mp *mf* *mp* *pp*

S 2 Ah Ah

mp *mf* *mp* *pp* *mp*

A 1 Ah Ah

mp *mf* *mp* *pp* *mp*

A 2 Ah Ah

mp *mf* *mp* *pp*

T Ah Ah

mp *mf* *mp* *pp*

B Ah

46

S 1 was an old man who poſd That the ſtreet door was par - tial - ly cloſd But ſome

mp

S 2 Ooo Ooo

A 1 Ooo Ooo

A 2 Ooo Ooo

mp

T Ooo Ooo Ooo Ooo

p

B Ooo

48

S 1 *mf*
ve - ry large rats, ate his coats and his hats, While that fu - tile old gen - tle - man doz'd. While that

S 2 *mf*
While that

A 1 *mf*
While that

A 2 *mf*
While that

T *mf*
8 Ooo Ooo While that

B *mf*
8 Ooo Ooo While that

50

S 1 *sfp*
fu - tile — old gen - tle - man doz'd. Ah

S 2 *sfp*
fu - tile — old gen - tle - man doz'd. Ah

A 1 *sfp*
fu - tile — old gen - tle - man doz'd. Ah

A 2 *sfp*
fu - tile — old gen - tle - man doz'd. Ah

T *sfp* *pp*
8 fu - tile — old gen - tle - man doz'd. Ah la — la —

B *sfp* *pp*
8 fu - tile — old gen - tle - man doz'd. Ah la — la — la — la —

S 1 *p* *mp*
 la__ la la__ la la__ la la__ la la__ la la__ la

S 2 *p* *mp*
 la la__ la la__ la la__ la la__ la la__

A 1 *mp*
 la-la la la-la la

A 2 *p* *mp*
 la la-la la la-la la la-la la la-la

T *p* *mp*
 8 la__ la__ la__ la__ la__ la

B *p* *mp*
 la__ la__ la__ la__ la__ la__

S 1 *mf* *mp* *p* *ppp*
 la__ la la__ la (pitch pipe) La la la, La la la, La la la...

S 2 *mf* *mp* *p* *ppp*
 la la__ la la La la la, La la la, La la la...

A 1 *mf* *mp* *p* *ppp*
 la-la la la-la la La la la, La la la, La la la...

A 2 *mf* *mp* *p* *ppp*
 la la-la la la-la La la la, La la la, La la la...

T *mf* *mp* *p* *ppp*
 8 la__ la__ La la la, La la la, La la la...

B *mf* *mp* *p* *ppp*
 la__ la__ La la la, La la la, La la la...