

A Timely Tale

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Allegro
mf

Soprano
My grand - fa - ther's clock was too tall for the shelf, So it stood nine-ty years on the

Alto
My grand - fa - ther's clock was too tall for the shelf, So it stood nine-ty years on the

Tenor
My grand - fa - ther's clock was too tall for the shelf, So it stood nine-ty years on the

Bass
My grand - fa - ther's clock was too tall for the shelf, So it stood nine-ty years on the



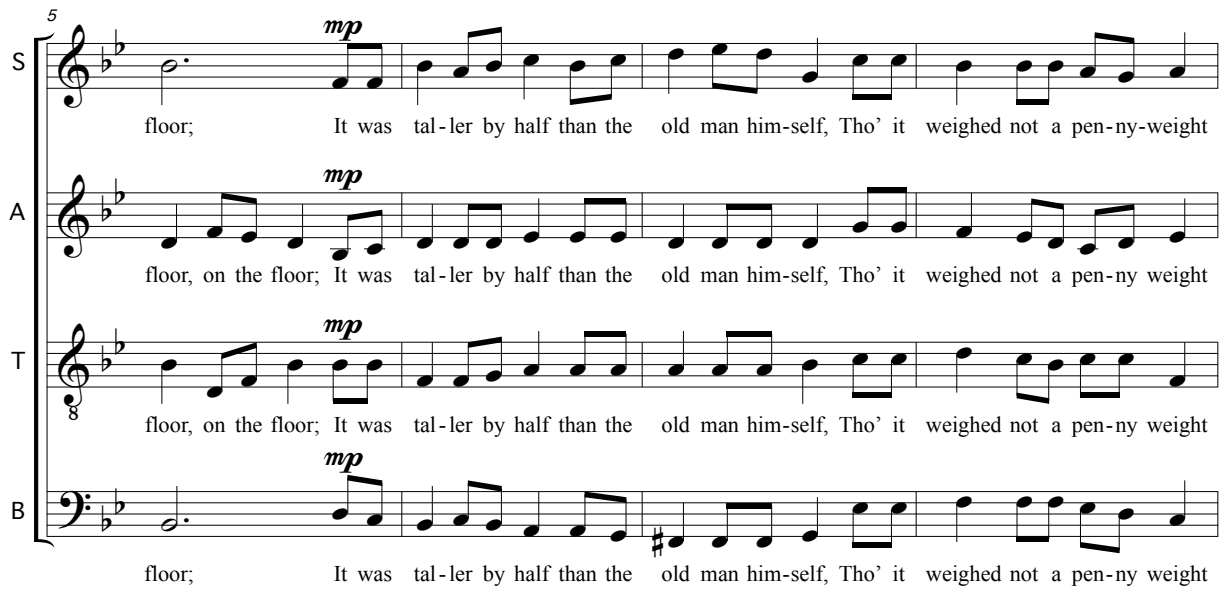
5
mp

S
floor; It was tal - ler by half than the old man him - self, Tho' it weighed not a pen - ny - weight

A
floor, on the floor; It was tal - ler by half than the old man him - self, Tho' it weighed not a pen - ny weight

T
floor, on the floor; It was tal - ler by half than the old man him - self, Tho' it weighed not a pen - ny weight

B
floor; It was tal - ler by half than the old man him - self, Tho' it weighed not a pen - ny weight



9
mf

S
more. It was bought on the morn of the day that he was born, And was al - ways his trea - sure and

A
more, no more. It was bought on the morn of the day that he was born, And was al - ways his trea - sure and

T
more, no weight more. It was bought _____ when he was born, And was al - ways his

B
more. It was bought _____ when he was born, And was al - ways his



13 *f* *p* *mf*

S pride; But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. Nine-ty

A pride; But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man — died.

T 8 pride: But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died.

B *f* *p* pride: — But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died.

18 *mp* *mf* *mp*

S years with-out slum-ber-ing (tick, tock,tick, tock), His life-se-conds num-ber-ing (tick, tock,tick, tock), It

A *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, It

T 8 *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* Tick, tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick, tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, It

B *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, It

22 *f* *f* *f* *mf*

S stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old man died.

A stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old man died.

T 8 stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old — man died. In

B stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old man died.

Tempo di 'Swing'

26 *mp*

S
Tock, tock, tock, tock, tock, tock, tock, tick-tock,

A
Tock, tock, tock, tock, tock, tock, tock, tick-tock,

T
8 watch- ing its pen-du-lum swing — to and fro, Ma-ny hours had he spent while a boy; — And in

B
mp
Tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick - tock,

30 *p* *mp*

S
tick - tock, tick-tock, tick - tock, tick - tock, tick - tock, tick - tock, tock, ticktock,

A
p *mp*
tick - tock, tick-tock, tick - tock, tick - tock, tick - tock, tick - tock, tock, ticktock,

T
8 childhood and manhood the clock seemed to know, And to share, both his grief and his joy. — For it

B
p *mf* *f* *mp*
tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tick-a-tick, tock,

34 *mf* *f*

S
Bong, bong, bong, bong, 'Here comes the bride!'

A
mf *f*
Bong, bong, bong, bong, 'Here comes the bride!'

T
8 struck twen-ty four when he en-tered at the door, With a bloom-ing and beau-ti-ful bride; But it

B
mf *f* *mp*
Bong, bong, bong, bong, bing - a - bong, But it

38 *mf* *vib. esagerato* *p*

S Bong! ————— Nine-ty years with-out slum-ber-ing

A *mf* *p*
Bong, bong, bong! Tick, tock,

T *mf* *p*
8 stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. Tick, tock,

B *mf* *p*
stopped, short, when the old man died. Tick, tock,

43 *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

S (tick, tock, tick, tock), His life-se-conds num-ber-ing (tick, tock, tick, tock), It stopped, short,

A *mf* *p* *mf* *p*
tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, It stopped, short,

T *mf* *p* *mf* *p*
8 tick-tock, tick-tock, tick, tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, It stopped, short,

B *mf* *p* *mf* *p*
tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, It stopped, short,

47 *f* *mp* **Con precisione meccanica**

S ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. My grand - fa-ther said, — that of

A *f* *mp*
ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. Grand - fa-ther said, that of

T *f* *mp*
8 ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old — man died. My grand - fa-ther said, that of

B *f* *mp*
ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. Grand - fa-ther said, — that of

51 *mf* *mp*

S those— he could hire, Not a ser - vant so faith - ful he found; For it

A those he could— hire, Not a ser - vant so faith - ful he found, not— one— found; For it

T 8 those he could hire, Not a ser - vant so faith - ful he found, not one found; For it

B those— he could hire, Not— a ser - vant so faith - ful he found, For it

54

S wa - sted no time— and had but— one de-sire, At the close— of each week— to be—

A wa - sted no time and had but one-de-sire, At the close of each week to be

T 8 wa - sted no time and had but one de-sire,— At the close of— each— week to be

B wa - sted no time— and had but one de-sire, At the close of each week— to be

57 *mf* *f*

S wound. And it kept in its place, not a frown u-pon its face, And its hands ne-ver hung by its

A *mf* *f* wound, be wound. And it kept in its place, not a frown u-pon its face, And its hands ne-ver hung by its

T 8 *mf* *f* wound, to— be— wound. And it kept a frown-less face, And ne-ver hands hung by its

B *mf* *f* wound, And it kept a frown-less face, And ne-ver hands hung by its

61 *p* *mp*

S side; But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old— man, the old— man died. Nine-ty

A side; But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the— old— man, the old— man died.

T side; But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died.

B side;— But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died.

66 *mf mp*

S years with-out slum-ber-ing (tick, tock, tick, tock), His life-se-conds num-ber-ing (tick, tock, tick, tock), It

A *mp* *mf* *mp* Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, It

T *mp* *mf* *mp* Tick, tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick, tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, It

B *mp* *mf* *mp* Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, It

70 *f* *mp* *ff*

S stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old— man died. It

A *f* *mp* *ff* stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old man died. It

T *f* *mp* *ff* stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old— man died. It

B *f* *mp* *ff* stopped, short, ne-ver to go a - gain, When the old man died. Boom,

Ponderoso

74

S rang an a - larm in the dead of the night, An a - larm that for years had been dumb (mmm) — *sfz*

A rang an a - larm in the dead of the night, An a - larm that for years had been dumb (mmm) — *sfz*

T rang an a - larm in the dead of the night, An a - larm that for years had been dumb (mmm) — *sfz*

B boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, *sfz*

81

S — And we knew that his spi - rit was plu - ming for flight, That his hour of de - *pp*

A — And we knew that his spi - rit was plu - ming for flight, That his hour of de - *pp*

T — And we knew that his spi - rit was plu - ming for flight, That his hour of de - *pp*

B boom, We knew that his spi - rit was plu - ming for flight, That his hour of de - *pp*

Leggiero

87

S par - ture had come (mmm) — tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, *mp*

A par - ture had come (mmm) — tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, *mp*

T par - ture had come. — Still the clock kept the time, with a soft and muf-fled chime, As we *mp*

B par - ture had come. — Bong, bong, bong, bong, *mp*

Rit. drammatico **A tempo**

92 *p*

S ticktock, ticktock, ticktock,tick-tock, But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man

A ticktock, ticktock, ticktock,tick-tock, But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man

T 8 si - lently stood by his side; But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old — man

B bong, bong, bong, bong, But it stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man

97 *mf* *mp* *mf*

S died. Nine-ty years with-out slum-ber-ing (tick, tock, tick, tock), His life se-conds num-ber-ing

A died. Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock,

T 8 died. Tick, tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick, tock,

B died. Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock,

101 *mp* *mf* *f* *mp*

S (tick, tock, tick, tock), It stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. —

A tick, tock, It stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. —

T 8 ticktock, ticktock, It stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man — died. —

B tick, tock, It stopped, short, ne-ver to go a-gain, When the old man died. He died!