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Tune—'Carry me back to old Virginia'

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One vote I'll give
If I shou'd live
For Bell of Tennessee,
I am a Union man
On the National plan
And so we all agree.
Let us rally then
The Union men,
The course to us is free;
We drive the fast line.
Our leader so fine,
John Bell, of Tennessee

And Everett too,
The good and true.
World-wide is his fame;
His virtues stand
Throughout the land,
The North and South proclaim.
Let us rally then.

Let Douglas shy
And Lincoln try
To set the niggers free,
All we require
From such evil dire,
Is Bell, of Tennesee.
Let us rally then

Everett and Bell
The tale will tell,
The sixth day in November,
On that great day
We will be gay,
Our friends we will remember.
Let us rally then.

A DISCONSOLATE WIDOW.

After nine miles of the most lonesome, dreary and hilly road that ever mortal man travelled I came in sight of what I supposed to be the widow's house. It was a low cabin at the foot of a hill with a tremendous oak in front of it. I saw somebody sitting under the tree, and, as I approached nearer, I discovered that it was a woman, with her face buried in her hands, and weeping violently. As soon as I reached the spot, I addressed her somewhat in the following manner.

'I do not wish to be impertinent, madam, but I feel some concern to know what is the matter with you?'

'Oh! boo hoo-ee. Hoo-hoo-ho!'

'My dear madam, what is the matter?' I demanded, becoming really concerned at the manner in which she was acting.—She kept up her agony of distress, while a group of six or seven children began to come from the neighboring bushes and gather close around her

"Madam." I cried "in the name of all that's good, tell me what ails you."

"Oh, stranger," she exclaimed, raising her eyes, blood-shot with weeping, "my—boo-hoo—hus—boo—band is—boo hoo—dead;' and she again relapsed into her fit of weeping. I was truly affected by the poor woman's distress, and, thought a poor sinner myself, I could not refrain from offering her some consolation.

'My dear madam, do not give up to distress. Heaven has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. Cheer up, my good woman; the cloud may be dark, but the sun will eventually dissipate it. You may have to labor hard for your children, but Heaven will aid you.'

'That arn't nothing stranger,' exclaimed the woman, 'as fur the children, I haven't got but seventeen, an' I make support fur easy enough. Heaven mout be my husband, as' I has no doubt he'd make a mighty good husband; but I want a sure nuf hu-band, a real live one like my poor John was afore he died. Poor John—poor John, Oh, me,—boo-hoo-ee ee.'

When I had listened to this speech, there was something so absolutely and purely original in its ridiculous ideas that I could not help laughing at the mourner As soon as possible I recovered myself and changed my tactics.

'Well, ma am,' I said, 'if that's all, for Heaven's sake don't give yourself any trouble. There are plenty of men in the world; surely you can get another husband.'

'I mout get another husband, stranger but, oh; I couldn't find nary nother like John—poor John,—poor John, oh, me; boo hoo-ee.

'What was there remarkable about him ma'am? If he was uncommonly likely, there are plenty of handsome men in the world. If he was an extraordinary strong man. I know of some giants in strength. Was he good, kind, and gentle, there are such still left on earth. Was he a man of extraordinary intellect, wisdom, or genius, depend upon it there are others equal to him? Depend upon it, that no matter what extra gift he may have possessed, with patience and diligence you may find another to smoth the rough way of life for you, and fill that vacancy which distresses you so.'

'Oh, stranger,' returned the woman 'I know it's your kind heartedness what makes you speak so, but 'tain' worth while, John wasn't no hin' extraordinary in none o' them things as you speak of. But still I never, no never, never. I know I never kin find the likes of John again on yuth. Oh, John, poor John;—poor John.—boo-hoo-ee.'

'Well, madam, I have guessed till I'm tired. What was there about John so remarkable?'

'Milkbull,' she exclaimed; 'why, stranger, John was the best fiddler on yuth.—How he'd lay back behind his fiddle and roll his beautiful red head about from side to side, as he played—Sugar in de Gourd, 'Pig in de Taty Patch,' Old Dan Tucker,' and all them tunes. Just to think; It hain't been a month sine he sit here under this tree and played for me while I got up and danced just this way to that good old tune—

"Oh, she wouldn't an' she couldn't and woul n't come at all!
Fe um tum diddle dum dood'e addy day!"

And here the woman jumped up and cut two or three very difficult steps—half way between the pigeon wing and the old Virginia back-step—while she sung the above tune; then falling, she screamed in the agony of distress—

'And now he's gone.—derd; Oh, me.'

I gazed at the woman for a moment, and then I told her I knew some very good fiddlers. She immediately became calm, and looking up into my face with an inquiring glance, she said—

Stranger maybe you is a good fiddler: I'll go an' get John's fiddle'

And off she started for the house As soon as she was out of sight, I stuck spurs to my horse.

Few understand the depth of such feelings as that.

THE BARBER'S GHOST.

A gentleman, traveling some years since in the upper part of this State, called at a tavern and requested entertainment for the night. The Landlord informed him that it was out of his power to accommodate him as his house was already full. He persisted in stopping, as he, as well as his horse, were almost exhausted with traveling. After much solicitation, the Landlord consented to his stopping, provided he would sleep in a certain room that had not been occupied for a long time in consequence of a belief that it was haunted by the ghost of a barber, who was reported to have been murdered in that room some years before.

'Very well' says the man, 'I am not afraid of ghosts.'

After having refreshed himself, he inquired of the Landlord how and in what manner the room in which he was to lodge was haunted. The landlord replied, that shortly after they retired to rest, an unknown voice was heard, in a trembling and protracted accent, saying.

'Do you w-a-n-t to be sh-a-ved?'

"Well," replied the man "if he comes he may shave me"

He then requested to be shown to the apartment, in going to which, he was conducted through a large room where were seated a great number of persons at a gaming table. Feeling a curiosity which almost every one possesses after hearing ghost stories, he carefully searched every corner of his room, but could discover nothing but the usual furniture of the apartment. He then laid down, but did not close his eyes immediately, and in a few minutes he imagined he heard a voice saying:

"'Do you w-a-nt to be sh-a-ved?'

He arose from his bed and search'd every part of the room, but could discover nothing. He again went to bed, but no sooner had he begun to compose himself to sleep than the question was again repeated. He again arose and went to the window, the sound appearing to proceed from that quarter and stood awhile silent. After a few moments of anxious suspence, he again heard the sound distinctly, and, convinced that was from without, he opened the window, when the question was repeated full in his ear, which startled him not a little. Upon a minute examination, however, he observed that the limb of a large oak tree, which stood under his window, projected so near the house that every breath of wind, to a lively imagination, made a noise resembling the interrogation:

"Do you w-a-nt to be sh-a-ved?"

Having satisfied himself that his ghost was nothing more nor less than the limb of a tree coming in contact with the house, he again went to bed and attempted to get asleep; but he was now interrupted by peals of laughter, and an occasional volley of oaths and curses, from the room where the gamblers were assembled.—Thinking he could turn the late discovery to his own advantage, he took a sheet from the bed and wrapped it round him, and taking the washbasin in his hand, and throwing a towel over his arm, proceeded to the room of the gamblers, and suddenly opened the door walk'd in exclaiming in a tremendous voice:

"Do you w-a-nt to be sh-a-ved?"

Terrified at the sudden appearance of the ghost the gamblers were thrown into the greatest confusion in attempting to escape it, some jumping through the windows, and others tumbling head over heels down stairs. Our ghost taking advantage of a clear room, deliberately swept a large amount of money from the table into the basin, and retired unseen to his room

The next morning he found the house in the utmost confusion. He was immediately asked if he rested well, to which he replied in the affirmative.

"Well, no wonder," said the landlord, "for the ghost instead of going to his own room, made a mistake and came to ours and frightened us out of the room, and took away every dollar of our money."

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