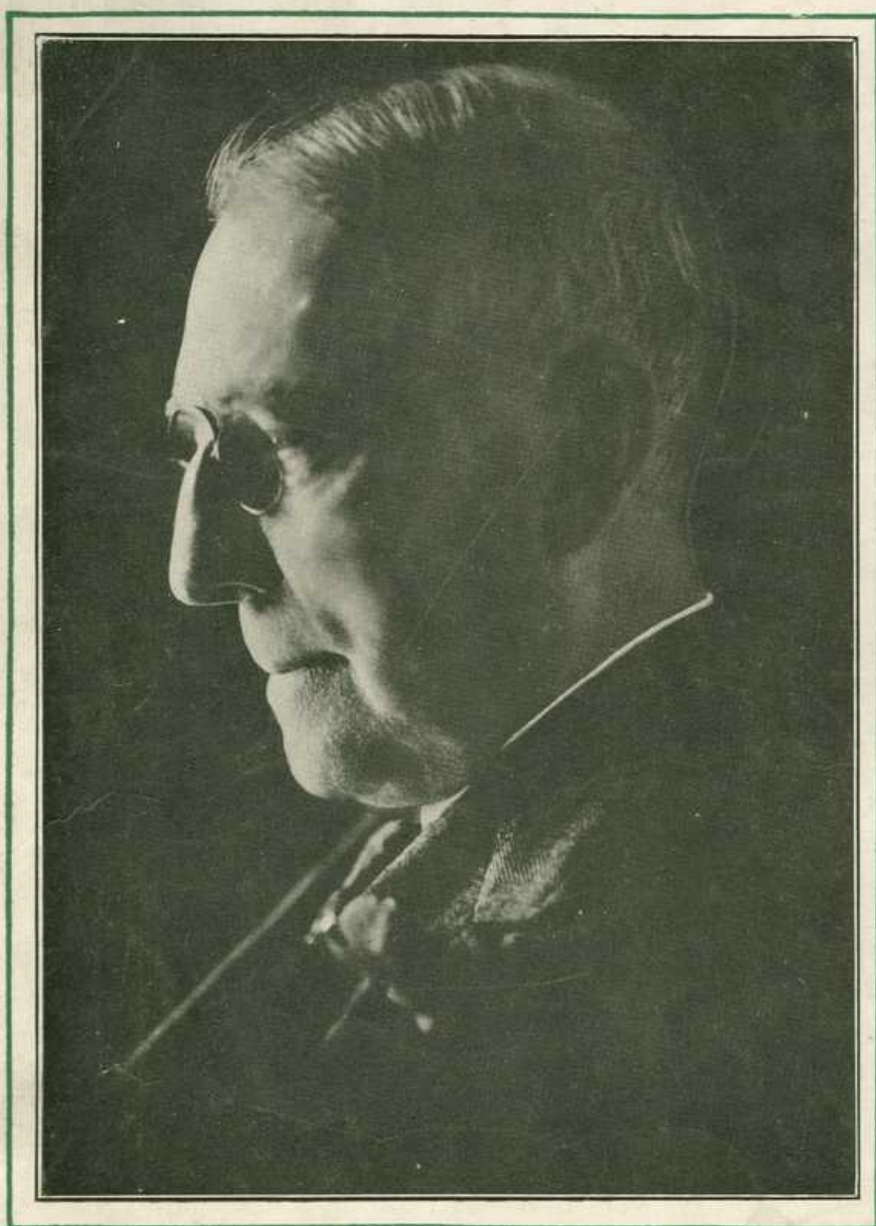


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Little Orphant Annie

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JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Music by
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Andante

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked *Andante*. The piano part features a melody in the right hand with a *ten.* (tenuto) mark and a *p misterioso* dynamic, and a bass line in the left hand with *mf* dynamics. The vocal melody enters in the second measure. The lyrics are: "Lit - tle or - phant An - nie's come to our house to stay, An' wash the cups an' sau - cers up, An' brush the crumbs a - way. An' shoo the chick - ens off the porch, An' dust the hearth, an' sweep, An'". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, marked with *p* and *mf* dynamics. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

Lit - tle or - phant An - nie's come to our house to stay, An'

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shoo the chick - ens off the porch, An' dust the hearth, an' sweep, An'

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make the fire, an' bake the bread, An' earn her board an' keep.

p *f cresc.*

An all us oth-er chil-dren, when the sup-per things is done, We

f *mf*

set a-round the kitchen-fire, an' has the mostest fun. A - list-nin' to the witch-tales at

An-nie tells a-bout, An' the Gob-ble-uns 'at gits you, ef you don't watch out.

pp

Onc't they was a lit - tle boy

fz *rit.* *a tempo*

This system contains the first line of the song. The vocal melody is on a single staff. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The first measure of the piano part features a forte (*fz*) dynamic and a ritardando (*rit.*) marking. The second measure returns to the original tempo (*a tempo*).

would - n't say his pray'rs, An' when he went to bed at night a -

ten.

This system contains the second line of the song. The piano accompaniment features a tenuto (*ten.*) marking over the first measure.

way up stairs, His mam-my heered him hol - ler, An' his dad-dy heered him bawl, An'

fz *fz*

This system contains the third line of the song. The piano accompaniment features two measures with a forte (*fz*) dynamic marking.

when they turn't the kiv - ers down he was - n't there at all.

pp *rit.*

This system contains the fourth line of the song. The piano accompaniment features a piano (*pp*) dynamic marking in the first measure and a ritardando (*rit.*) marking in the second measure.

First system of the musical score. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 2/4. It includes a piano (*p*) dynamic marking and a *ten.* (tension) marking. The bass line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3 and a quarter note F#3.

An they

Second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "seeked him in the raft - er room, an' cub - by-hole, an' press, An'". The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a steady bass line and chords in the treble.

seeked him in the raft - er room, an' cub - by-hole, an' press, An'

Third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "seeked him in the chim-bly flue, an' ev - er-where I guess; But". The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a steady bass line and chords in the treble.

seeked him in the chim-bly flue, an' ev - er-where I guess; But

Fourth system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "all they ev - er found was thist his pants, an' round a - bout, An' the". The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a steady bass line and chords in the treble. It includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking and a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic marking.

all they ev - er found was thist his pants, an' round a - bout, An' the

Gob-ble-uns 'll git you, ef you don't watch out.

One time a lit - tle girl 'ud al - lus laugh an' grin, An'

make fun of ev - er one, an' all her blood an' kin, An'

onc't when they was "com - pany" an' ole folks was there, She

mocked 'em, an' shocked 'em, an' said she did-n't care. An'

thist as she kicked her heels, an' turnt to run, an' hide, They's two great big black things a -

stand-in' by her side. An' they snatchd her thro' the ceil-in' fore she know'd what she's a-bout, An' the

Gob-ble-uns 'll git you, ef you don't watch out. An'

Mysterioso

lit - tle or - phant An - nie says, when the blaze is blue,

An' the lamp-wich sputters, an' the wind goes *(Imitation)* woo-oo, An' you hear the crickets quit,

slow
an' the moon is gray, An' the light-nin'-bugs in dew, is all squenched a way -

You

mysterioso

bet-ter mind your par-unts, an' yer teach-ers fond an' dear, An' cher-ish 'em that loves you, an'

dry the or-phant's tear, An' he'p the poor an' need-y ones, 'at clus-ter all a-bout, Er the

Gob-ble-uns 'll git you, ef you don't watch out.

Er the Gob-ble-uns 'll git you, ef you don't watch out.