



Oh! the Roast Beef of England

Original ballad from
The Grub Street Opera (1731)
Henry Fielding (1707-1754)

arranged

Josiah Pittman

(1816-1886)

Bold, with spirit

Piano

Pno.

Oht the Roast Beef of England

S
Since might - y Roast Beef is an Eng - lish - man's food, It ac - counts for the free - dom that

A
Since might - y Roast Beef is an Eng - lish - man's food, It ac - counts for the free - dom that

T
Since might - y Roast Beef is an Eng - lish - man's food, It ac - counts for the free - dom that

B
Since might - y Roast Beef is an Eng - lish - man's food, It ac - counts for the free - dom that

Pno. *f*

S¹²
runs in his blood, For gen - er - ous liv - ing's the step to all good.

A
runs in his blood, For gen - er - ous liv - ing's the step to all good.

T
runs in his blood, For gen - er - ous liv - ing's the step to all good.

B
runs in his blood, For gen - er - ous liv - ing's the step to all good.

Pno. ¹²

15

S Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

A Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

T Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

B Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

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S

A

T

B

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Oht the Roast Beef of England

S
Our fa - thers of old were ro - bust, stout, and strong, And they kept o - pen house with good

A
Our fa - thers of old were ro - bust, stout, and strong, And they kept o - pen house with good

T
Our fa - thers of old were ro - bust, stout, and strong, And they kept o - pen house with good

B
Our fa - thers of old were ro - bust, stout, and strong, And they kept o - pen house with good

Pno.

S²⁶
cheer all day long, Which made their plump ten - ants re - joice in this song-

A
cheer all day long, Which made their plump ten - ants re - joice in this song-

T
cheer all day long, Which made their plump ten - ants re - joice in this song-

B
cheer all day long, Which made their plump ten - ants re - joice in this song-

Pno.²⁶

29

S Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

A Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

T Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

B Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

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S

A

T

B

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Oh! the Roast Beef of England

37

S The ten - der sir - loin was by Roy - al - ty's sword To knight - hood en - no - bled, in

A The ten - der sir - loin was by Roy - al - ty's sword To knight - hood en - no - bled, in

T The ten - der sir - loin was by Roy - al - ty's sword To knight - hood en - no - bled, in

B The ten - der sir - loin was by Roy - al - ty's sword To knight - hood en - no - bled, in

Pno.

41

S grate - ful re - cord Of the smok - ing hot joint that he found on the board.

A grate - ful re - cord Of the smok - ing hot joint that he found on the board.

T grate - ful re - cord Of the smok - ing hot joint that he found on the board.

B grate - ful re - cord Of the smok - ing hot joint that he found on the board.

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44

S Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

A Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

T Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

B Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

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48

S

A

T

B

Pno.

Oht the Roast Beef of England

52

S
Great Han - del, 'tis said, could eat din - ner for six, Which was doubt - less his rea - son on

A
Great Han - del, 'tis said, could eat din - ner for six, Which was doubt - less his rea - son on

T
Great Han - del, 'tis said, could eat din - ner for six, Which was doubt - less his rea - son on

B
Great Han - del, 'tis said, could eat din - ner for six, Which was doubt - less his rea - son on

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56

S
Eng - land to fix, As the land where good mu - sic with eat - ing they mix.

A
Eng - land to fix, As the land where good mu - sic with eat - ing they mix.

T
Eng - land to fix, As the land where good mu - sic with eat - ing they mix.

B
Eng - land to fix, As the land where good mu - sic with eat - ing they mix.

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59

S Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

A Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

T Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

B Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

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S

A

T

B

Pno.

O! the Roast Beef of England

67

S Then long may each Brit - on of beef have his fill, At Christ - mas, the sea - son of

A Then long may each Brit - on of beef have his fill, At Christ - mas, the sea - son of

T Then long may each Brit - on of beef have his fill, At Christ - mas, the sea - son of

B Then long may each Brit - on of beef have his fill, At Christ - mas, the sea - son of

Pno.

71

S peace and good will, For the man that's well fed, Sirs, can nev - er do ill.

A peace and good will, For the man that's well fed, Sirs, can nev - er do ill.

T peace and good will, For the man that's well fed, Sirs, can nev - er do ill.

B peace and good will, For the man that's well fed, Sirs, can nev - er do ill.

Pno.

74

S Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

A Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

T Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

B Oh! the Roast Beef of old Eng - land, And oh! the old Eng - lish Roast Beef. ____

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S

A

T

B

Pno.

Josiah Pittman (1816-1886) was born in London, England. He studied under a number of notable musicians, including S. S. Wesley, and became an established composer, author, and organist. He held organist positions at Sydenham, Spitalfields, and Lincoln's Inn. He was accompanist at Her Majesty's Theatre and at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden. He died in London. He authored *The People in the Church, their Rights and Duties in connection with the Poetry and Music of the Book of Common Prayer* and *People of the Cathedral*. He edited or arranged many vocal works including Songs of Scotland, and Songs from the Operas. He edited *Callcott's Grammar of Music* and with Sir Arthur Sullivan, edited the *Royal Edition of Operas*. His compositions include service music, anthems and songs.

Since mighty Roast Beef is an Englishman's food,
It accounts for the freedom that runs in his blood,
For generous living's the step to all good.
Oh! the Roast Beef of old England,
And oh! the old English Roast Beef.

Our fathers of old were robust, stout, and strong,
And they kept open house with good cheer all day long,
Which made their plump tenants rejoice in this song—
Oh! the Roast Beef of old England,
And oh! the old English Roast Beef.

The tender sirloin was by Royalty's sword
To knighthood ennobled, in grateful record
Of the smoking hot joint that he found on the board.
Oh! the Roast Beef of old England,
And oh! the old English Roast Beef.

Great Handel, 'tis said, could eat dinner for six,
Which was doubtless his reason on England to fix,
As the land where good music with eating they mix.
Oh! the Roast Beef of old England,
And oh! the old English Roast Beef.

Then long may each Briton of beef have his fill,
At Christmas, the season of peace and good will,
For the man that's well fed, Sirs, can never do ill.
Oh! the Roast Beef of old England,
And oh! the old English Roast Beef.

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