



VICTORIAN WOMEN

Old Daddy

Long-legs

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(1821-1914)

Clara Angela Macirone (1821-1914) was born in London, the daughter of Italian musicians. Her father was a singer and mother a pianist. She studied singing and piano at Royal Academy of Music. She built a reputation as a pianist, then as a teacher at the RAM, developing a system of music teaching that earned recognition by the eminent composer Sir George Macfarren. She was also active as a composer, publishing simply as C. A. Macirone. Most of her compositions are part-songs. These achieved wide recognition through performances by massed choirs at the Crystal Palace and at Exeter Hall. Her part-song "Sir Knight" was the first music heard by Queen Victoria over the telephone in 1878. She died in London.

Old Daddy Long-legs
would not say his prayers,
Take him by his *right* leg,
Take him by his *left* leg,
Take him up by *both* legs
And throw him down the stairs.

Nursery Rhyme

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Allegro con molto fuoco e Leggiermente

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). It is in common time (C) and features a dynamic marking of *mf* with an accent (>) over the first note of the vocal entries. The lyrics are: "Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs, Old Dad - dy Long - legs".

S
Old Dad - dy Long - legs

A
Old Dad - dy Long - legs

T
Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs, Old Dad - dy Long - legs

B
Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs, Old Dad - dy Long - legs

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S would-n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs,

A would-n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his

T would-n't say his pray'rs, would - - - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his

B would-n't say his pray'rs, would - - - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his

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S would - n't say his pray'rs, Old__ Dad - dy Long - legs

A pray'rs, Old Dad - dy Long - legs would -

T pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, Dad - dy Long - legs, Old__ Dad - dy Long - legs

B pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, Dad - dy Long - legs, Old__ Dad - dy Long - legs

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S would not say his pray'rs; Take him by the *right* leg, *ff*

A - not say his pray'rs; Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *p*

T would not say his pray'rs; Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *p*

B would not say his pray'rs; Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *p*

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S *f* Take him by the *right* leg, *p* Take him by the

A *f* left leg, Take him by the *right* leg, *p* Take him by the *p* left leg, Take him by the

T *f* left leg, Take him by the *right* leg, *p* Take him by the *p* left leg, Take him by the

B *f* left leg, Take him by the *right* leg, *p* Take him by the *p* left leg, Take him by the

16 *cresc.*

S *f* right leg, Take him by the *f* left leg, Take him up by *f* both legs And throw him down—

A *cresc.* right leg, Take him by the *f* left leg, Take him up by *f* both legs And throw him down

T *cresc.* right leg, Take him by the *f* left leg, Take him up by *f* both legs And throw him down

B *cresc.* right leg, Take him by the *f* left leg, Take him up by *f* both legs And throw him down

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S stairs, And throw him down— stairs; Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down

A stairs, And throw him down stairs;— Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down

T stairs, And throw him down stairs; Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down

B stairs, And throw him down stairs;— Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down—

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penseroso
poco rall.: e tenero

S stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs, Old Dad - dy *a tempo*

poco rall.: e tenero *patetico* *a tempo*

A stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs, Old Dad - dy Long - legs, Old Dad - dy

poco rall.: e tenero *a tempo*

T stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs, Old Dad - dy Long - legs, Old Dad - dy

poco rall.: e tenero *a tempo*

B stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs, Old Dad - dy Long - legs,

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S Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his

A Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his

T Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his

B Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his

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S pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, He would - n't,

A pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, He would - n't, He

T pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, He would - n't, He

B pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, would - n't say his pray'rs, He would - n't, He

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S He would - n't, He would - n't say his pray'rs;

A would - n't, He would - n't, He would - n't, He would - n't say his pray'rs;

T would - n't, He would - n't, He would not say his pray'rs;

B would - n't, He would - n't, He would not say his pray'rs;

33 *cresc.*

S Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *left* leg, Take him by the *right* leg,

A *cresc.* Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *left* leg, Take him by the *right* leg,

T *cresc.* Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *left* leg, Take him by the *right* leg,

B *cresc.* Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *left* leg, Take him by the *right* leg,

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S Take him by the *left* leg, Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs,

A Take him by the *left* leg, Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs,

T Take him by the *left* leg, Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs,

B Take him by the *left* leg, Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs,

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S *ff* Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, *f* Throw him, *f*

A *ff* Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, *fff* Take him by the *right* leg,

T *ff* Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, *fff* Take him by the *right* leg,

B *ff* Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, *fff* Take him by the *right* leg,

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S Take him by the *right* leg, Throw him, Take him by the *left* leg,

A Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *left* leg, Take him by the *left* leg,

T Take him by the *right* leg, Take him by the *left* leg, Take him by the *left* leg,

B Throw him, Take him by the *left* leg, Throw him,

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S Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, Take him up by *both* legs And

A Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, Take him up by *both* legs And

T Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, Take him up by *both* legs And

B Take him up by *both* legs And throw him down stairs, Take him up by *both* legs And

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S throw him down stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs;

A throw him down stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs;

T throw him down stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs;

B throw him down stairs. Old Dad - dy Long - legs would - n't say his pray'rs;

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S Take him up by both legs And throw him down stairs.

A Take him up by both legs And throw him down stairs.

T Take him up by both legs And throw him down stairs.

B Take him up by both legs And throw him down stairs.

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