

SONG OF THE ALL-WOOL SHIRT

For TTBB Chorus and Piano

Lyrics by Eugene Field (1850-1895)

Music by Bruce Trinkley

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*My father bought an undershirt
Of bright and flaming red,
“All wool, I'm ready to assert,
Fleece-dyed,” the merchant said;
“Your size is thirty-eight, I think;
A forty you should get,
Since all-wool goods are bound to shrink
A trifle when they're wet.”*

*That shirt two weeks my father wore,
Two washings, that was all;
From forty down to thirty-four
It shrank like leaf in fall.
I wore it then a day or two,
But when 'twas washed again
My wife said, “Now 't will only do
For little brother Ben.”*

*A fortnight Ben squeezed into it;
At last he said it hurt.
We put it on our babe, the fit
Was good as any shirt.
We ne'er will wash it more while yet
We see its flickering light,
For if again that shirt is wet
'T will vanish from our sight.*

Song of the All-Wool Shirt

For TTBB Chorus, Solo Voice and Piano and Optional Red Undershirts

Eugene Field (1850-1895)

from *Sharps and Flats*

Bruce Trinkley

Andante con umore $\text{♩} = 92$

Piano *f*

solo tenor or baritone *mf*

"All

mf

My fa - ther bought an un - der-shirt Of bright and flam - ing red, _____

mf

My fa - ther bought an un - der-shirt Of bright and flam - ing red, _____

mf

Note: The story will be enhanced if four red undershirts are used, sizes 40, 34, small and infant.

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wool, I'm read - y to as - sert, Fleece-dyed," "Your size is thir - ty -

p *mp* *p*

Oo the mer - chant said; Oo

Oo the mer - chant said; Oo

Oo the mer - chant said; Oo

Oo the mer - chant said; Oo

10

p *mp* *p*

15

eight, I think; a for - ty you should get, Since all - wool goods are bound to shrink A

15

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tri - fle when they're wet."

mf *p*

A tri - fle when they're wet."

mf *p*

That shirt two weeks my fa - ther wore, Two

mf

That shirt two weeks my fa - ther wore, Two

20

24

From for - ty down to thir - ty - four It shrank like leaf in

mf *mf*

From for - ty down to thir - ty - four It shrank like leaf in

wash - ings, that was all;

div.

wash - ings, that was all;

24

mp

29

fall. _____

fall. _____

I wore it then a day or two, But when 'twas washed a -

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29

33 (falsetto optional) *mf*

"Now 'twill on - ly do For lit - tle bro - ther Ben." _____ *mf*

gain _____ My wife said, *mf*^A

gain _____ My wife said, *mf*^A

33

38

8 fort - night Ben squeezed in - to it; At last he said it hurt. _____ We put it on our

38

8 fort - night Ben squeezed in - to it; At last he said it hurt. _____ We put it on our

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8 fort - night Ben squeezed in - to it; At last he said it hurt. _____ We put it on our

38

8 fort - night Ben squeezed in - to it; At last he said it hurt. _____ We put it on our

mf

f

43

8 babe, the fit Was good as an - y shirt. _____ We ne'er will wash it more while yet We

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8 babe, the fit Was good as an - y shirt. _____ We ne'er will wash it more while yet We

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8 babe, the fit Was good as an - y shirt. _____ We ne'er will wash it more while yet We

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8 babe, the fit Was good as an - y shirt. _____ We ne'er will wash it more while yet We

pp

Andante espressivo $\text{♩} = 60$

pp

pp

pp

pp

Andante espressivo

piano optional

47 *cresc.* *rit.* *mf* *molto allarg.*

see its flick - 'ring light, For if a - gain that shirt is wet 'Twill van - ish from our

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47 *cresc.* *mf* *rit.* *molto allarg.*

Tempo primo

50 *ff* *sight.*

ff *sight.*

ff *sight.*

ff *sight.*

Tempo primo

50 *ff*