



When Papa Was a Boy

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(1872-1926)

S When Pa - pa was a lit - tle boy, You real - ly could - n't find In

A When Pa - pa was a lit - tle boy, You real - ly could - n't find In

T When Pa - pa was a lit - tle boy, You real - ly could - n't find In

B When Pa - pa was a lit - tle boy, You real - ly could - n't find In

S all the state of Wash - ing - ton A child so quick to mind. His

A all the state of Wash - ing - ton A child so quick to mind. His

T all the state of Wash - ing - ton A child so quick to mind. His

B all the state of Wash - ing - ton A child so quick to mind. His

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S moth - er nev - er called but once, And Pa was al - ways there; He

A moth - er nev - er called but once, And Pa was al - ways there; He

T moth - er nev - er called but once, And Pa was al - ways there; He

B moth - er nev - er called but once, And Pa was al - ways there; He

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S nev - er made the ba - by cry, Or pulled his sis - ter's hair.

A nev - er made the ba - by cry, Or pulled his sis - ter's hair.

T nev - er made the ba - by cry, Or pulled his sis - ter's hair.

B nev - er made the ba - by cry, Or pulled his sis - ter's hair.

CHORUS

S He nev - er scraped his mud - dy shoes Up - on the par - lor floor, And

A He nev - er scraped his mud - dy shoes Up - on the par - lor floor, And

T He nev - er scraped his mud - dy shoes Up - on the par - lor floor, And

B He nev - er scraped his mud - dy shoes Up - on the par - lor floor, And

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S
nev - er an - swered back his Ma, And nev - er banged the door. "But

A
nev - er an - swered back his Ma, And nev - er banged the door. "But

T
nev - er an - swered back his Ma, And nev - er banged the door. "But

B
nev - er an - swered back his Ma, And nev - er banged the door. "But

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S
tru - ly, I could nev - er see," Said lit - tle Dick Mal - loy, "How

A
tru - ly, I could nev - er see," Said lit - tle Dick Mal - loy, "How

T
tru - ly, I could nev - er see," Said lit - tle Dick Mal - loy, "How

B
tru - ly, I could nev - er see," Said lit - tle Dick Mal - loy, "How

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S
he could nev - er do these things, And real - ly be a boy!"

A
he could nev - er do these things, And real - ly be a boy!"

T
he could nev - er do these things, And real - ly be a boy!"

B
he could nev - er do these things, And real - ly be a boy!"

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VERSE 2

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S He nev - er slid down ban - is - ters Or made the slight - est noise; And

A He nev - er slid down ban - is - ters Or made the slight - est noise; And

T 8 He nev - er slid down ban - is - ters Or made the slight - est noise; And

B He nev - er slid down ban - is - ters Or made the slight - est noise; And

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S nev - er in his life was known To fight with oth - er boys. He

A nev - er in his life was known To fight with oth - er boys. He

T 8 nev - er in his life was known To fight with oth - er boys. He

B nev - er in his life was known To fight with oth - er boys. He

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S al - ways stud - ied hard at school, And got his les - sons right; And

A al - ways stud - ied hard at school, And got his les - sons right; And

T 8 al - ways stud - ied hard at school, And got his les - sons right; And

B al - ways stud - ied hard at school, And got his les - sons right; And

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S chop - ping wood and milk - ing cows Were Pa - pa's chief de - light.

A chop - ping wood and milk - ing cows Were Pa - pa's chief de - light.

T chop - ping wood and milk - ing cows Were Pa - pa's chief de - light.

B chop - ping wood and milk - ing cows Were Pa - pa's chief de - light.

VERSE 3

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S He al - ways rose at six o-'clock And went to bed at eight, And

A He al - ways rose at six o-'clock And went to bed at eight, And

T He al - ways rose at six o-'clock And went to bed at eight, And

B He al - ways rose at six o-'clock And went to bed at eight, And

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S nev - er lay a - bed till noon, And nev - er sat up late. He

A nev - er lay a - bed till noon, And nev - er sat up late. He

T nev - er lay a - bed till noon, And nev - er sat up late. He

B nev - er lay a - bed till noon, And nev - er sat up late. He

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S fin - ished Lat - in, French and Greek, When he was ten years old, And

A fin - ished Lat - in, French and Greek, When he was ten years old, And

T fin - ished Lat - in, French and Greek, When he was ten years old, And

B fin - ished Lat - in, French and Greek, When he was ten years old, And

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S knew the Span - ish al - pha - bet As soon as he was told.

A knew the Span - ish al - pha - bet As soon as he was told.

T knew the Span - ish al - pha - bet As soon as he was told.

B knew the Span - ish al - pha - bet As soon as he was told.

VERSE 4

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S He nev - er grum - bled when he had To do the ev' - ning chores, And

A He nev - er grum - bled when he had To do the ev' - ning chores, And

T He nev - er grum - bled when he had To do the ev' - ning chores, And

B He nev - er grum - bled when he had To do the ev' - ning chores, And

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S ne'er in all his life for - got To shut the sta - ble doors. He

A ne'er in all his life for - got To shut the sta - ble doors. He

T ne'er in all his life for - got To shut the sta - ble doors. He

B ne'er in all his life for - got To shut the sta - ble doors. He

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S nev - er, nev - er thought of play, Un - til his work was done; He

A nev - er, nev - er thought of play, Un - til his work was done; He

T nev - er, nev - er thought of play, Un - til his work was done; He

B nev - er, nev - er thought of play, Un - til his work was done; He

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S la - bored from the break of day Un - til the set of sun.

A la - bored from the break of day Un - til the set of sun.

T la - bored from the break of day Un - til the set of sun.

B la - bored from the break of day Un - til the set of sun.

John David Brunk (1872-1926) was born near Harrisonburg, Virginia. He trained at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia, the New England Conservatory in Boston, Massachusetts, and the American Conservatory in Chicago, Illinois. He taught at West Central Academy in Mt. Clinton, Virginia, Bridgewater College, and Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana. He died near Elkhart, Indiana. He compiled and edited a number of hymnals and Sunday school books for the Mennonite Church, wrote a book for church singing classes, and composed a cantata, hymns, and Gospel songs.

When Papa was a little boy,
You really couldn't find
In all the state of Washington
A child so quick to mind.
His mother never called but once,
And Pa was always there;
He never made the baby cry,
Or pulled his sister's hair.

*He never scraped his muddy shoes
Upon the parlor floor,
And never answered back his Ma,
And never banged the door.
"But truly, I could never see,"
Said little Dick Malloy,
"How he could never do these things,
And really be a boy!"*

He never slid down banisters
Or made the slightest noise;
And never in his life was known
To fight with other boys.
He always studied hard at school,
And got his lessons right;
And chopping wood and milking cows
Were Papa's chief delight.

He always rose at six o'clock
And went to bed at eight,
And never lay abed till noon,
And never sat up late.
He finished Latin, French and Greek,
When he was ten years old,
And knew the Spanish alphabet
As soon as he was told.

He never grumbled when he had
To do the evening chores,
And ne'er in all his life forgot
To shut the stable doors.
He never, never thought of play,
Until his work was done;
He labored from the break of day
Until the set of sun.

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