



Eight Nursery Rhymes Op. 19A
No. 4



Hunting of the Snail

H. Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941) was born in Oswestry on the England-Wales border. As a child, he learned to play many instruments in an informal band with his brothers, cousins and friends. He became a chorister at St. George's Chapel, Windsor; then entered the Royal College of Music, studying under Parry and Stanford. He taught at the Royal College of Music, Aberystwyth University, and Gresham College, with Leopold Stokowski among his notable students. He served as organist at numerous churches including St Anne's Church, Soho; Christ Church, Hampstead; and Temple Church. He became the first director of music to the Royal Air Force and organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. He was a well-known and popular radio personality through his broadcasts on classical music and held the title Master of the King's Musick from 1934 until his death.

Four-and-twenty tailors went out to kill a snail;
The best man amongst them trod upon her tail.
She put out her horns, like a little Kyoew cow,
"Run lads, flee lads, we're all killed now!"

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Allegretto timoroso

Piano

p *pp*

BASS *mf*

Four - and - twen - ty

Pno. *f* *dim. e rit.*

S *p* a snail;

A *p* a snail;

T *p* a snail;

B tai - lors went out to kill a snail;

Pno. *pp*

Più mosso

Pno. *p* *cresc.*

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20 ALTO *mf*

A The best man a -

Pno.

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S her tail.

A mongst them trod up - on her tail.

T her tail.

B her tail.

Pno.

29 Più mosso

T TENOR *mf* *accel.*

B BASS *mf* *accel.*

Pno. *mf* *rit.* *p* *accel.*

She put out her

She put out her

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S
A
T
B

horns, like a lit - tle Ky - loe cow,
horns, like a lit - tle Ky - loe cow,

a cow,
a cow,

Pno.

39

Presto

S
A
T
B

"Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now!"
"Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now!"
"Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now, lads!"
"Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now!"

Pno.

ff

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S "Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now!"

A "Run lads, flee _____ now"

T "Run _____ lads, kill'd, kill'd!"

B "Run lads, flee lads, we're all ² kill'd ² now!"

Pno.

Prestissimo

47

S "Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now!" "Run lads,

A "Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now, _____" "Run lads,

T "Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now, lads!" "Run lads,

B "Run lads, flee lads, we're all kill'd now, lads!" "Run lads,

Pno.

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S flee lads, we're all kill'd now!" "Run lads, flee lads,
A flee lads, we're all kill'd now, lads!" "Run lads, flee lads,
T flee lads, we're all kill'd now, lads!" "Run lads,
B flee lads, we're all kill'd now, lads!" "Run lads,
Pno.

57
S run lads, run!" *accel.*
A run, lads, run!" *accel.*
T rrrr (roll) run, run!" *accel.*
B rrrr (roll) run, run, run, lads, run!" *accel.*
Pno. *8^{va}* *accel.* *sf*

Sidney Riorden
(1906)

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