



**Eight New Nursery Rhymes Op. 23
No. 2**



The Old Woman

**H. Walford Davies
(1869-1941)**

Andante con moto ♩ = 88

S
A
T
B

Old__ wom - an, old__ wom - an, shall we go a - shear - ing?

Andante con moto ♩ = 88

Piano

The Old Woman

7 *pp*
 S (A lit - tle loud - er, a lit - tle loud - er.)
 A *p* Speak a lit - tle loud - er, sir, *f* I'm ver - y, ver - y thick of hear - ing.
 T
 B *(louder still)* Old ____
 Pno. *p*

11
 S Old ____
 A
 T *ff* *dim.* Old ____ wom - an, old ____ wom - an, old ____ wom - an,
 B *dim.* wom - an, old ____ wom - an, old ____ wom - an, old ____ wom - an,
 Pno. *ff* *dim.*

The Old Woman

15

S wom-an,) (dear - ly) *ppp rit. accel.*

A (dear - ly) Thank you, kind sir, I hear, I hear you ver - y *f*

T shall I love you - dear - ly? *ppp rit. accel.*

B *rit. accel.*

Pno. *p pp rit. mf accel. cresc.*

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S She hears you ver - y clear - - - ly! *f*

A clear - - - - - ly! *f*

T clear - - - - - ly! *f*

B clear - ly, clear - ly! (deprecatingly) Old wom - an, old wom - an, old wom - an! *3 3*

Pno. *sf p p*

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.

Old woman, old woman, shall we go a-shearing?
Speak a little louder, sir, I'm very thick of hearing.
Old woman, old woman, shall I love you dearly?
Thank you, kind sir, I hear you very clearly!

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