



Out West

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(1835-1920)**

Henry Leonard Frisbie (1835-1920) was born in Branford, Connecticut. The family moved West to Iroquois County, Illinois, when he was 12 and, during the Civil War, he served in the 113th Regiment Illinois Volunteers. His first and most famous song was "Oh, Bury the Brave Where They Fall" published by Root & Cady in 1863. His name is sometimes spelled "Henrie." He settled in Onarga, Illinois, and, for a time was in the lumber and coal and farm implement business. His family was active in the Congregationalist Church. He died in Onarga. He authored many hymns and wrote poems for family.

There's a country famed in story,
As you've oftentimes been told;
'Tis a land of mighty rivers,
Running over sands of gold:
The abode of peace and plenty,
And with quietness 'tis blest!
But this country that's so famous
Is away off in the west.

*'Tis away off in the west,
'Tis away off in the west;
O! I fear we ne'er shall find it,
'Tis so far off in the west.*

Once a man in Androscoggin,
Or in some outlandish place,
With a view to find this country,
To the westward set his face.
He was weary at Chicago,
So he sat him down to rest;
But 'twas only there the center,
Not the fabled golden west.

Then he crossed the rolling prairies
Stretching onward like the sea;
"I am bound to find this country,
If there's such a one," said he:
So he swam the Mississippi,
Then upon Missouri's breast,
He explored the wilds of Kansas
For this country in the west.

Climbing o'er the Rocky mountains,
On he kept his weary way,
Till the broad Pacific's waters
Right before his vision lay:
Here he sat him down and pondered,
But for him there was no rest;
" 'Tis an island, surely," said he,
"This fair country in the west."

So a vessel quick he builded,
And the shore he left behind;
Sailing on with eager longings,
Still this happy isle to find:
After many days, one morning
He beheld the wished for land;
Steering 'mid the shoals and breakers,
Quickly reached the golden strand.

From this gallant bark he landed,
Wading thro' the curling foam,
With his eyes wide ope' with wonder,
For he found himself at home:
Then he learned that one forever
Might go one and never rest;
Still they would not find this country,
For 'tis always further west.

Out West

H. L. Frisbie

Allegretto

S
There's a coun - try famed in sto - ry, As you've of - ten - times been told; 'Tis a

A
There's a coun - try famed in sto - ry, As you've of - ten - times been told; 'Tis a

T
There's a coun - try famed in sto - ry, As you've of - ten - times been told; 'Tis a

B
There's a coun - try famed in sto - ry, As you've of - ten - times been told; 'Tis a

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S
land of might - y riv - ers, Run - ning o - ver sands of gold: The a -

A
land of might - y riv - ers, Run - ning o - ver sands of gold: The a -

T
land of might - y riv - ers, Run - ning o - ver sands of gold: The a -

B
land of might - y riv - ers, Run - ning o - ver sands of gold: The a -



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S bode of peace and plen - ty, And with qui - et - ness 'tis blest! But this

A bode of peace and plen - ty, And with qui - et - ness 'tis blest! But this

T bode of peace and plen - ty, And with qui - et - ness 'tis blest! But this

B bode of peace and plen - ty, And with qui - et - ness 'tis blest! But this

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S coun - try that's so fa - mous Is a - way off in the west.

A coun - try that's so fa - mous Is a - way off in the west.

T coun - try that's so fa - mous Is a - way off in the west.

B coun - try that's so fa - mous Is a - way off in the west.

CHORUS

S 'Tis a - way off in the west, 'Tis a - way off in the west; O! I

A 'Tis a - way off in the west, 'Tis a - way off in the west; O! I

T 'Tis a - way off in the west, in the west, 'Tis a - way off in the west, in the west; O! I

B 'Tis a - way off in the west, in the west, 'Tis a - way off in the west, in the west; O! I

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S
A
T
B

fear we ne'er shall find it, 'Tis so far off in the west.

VERSE 2

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S
A
T
B

Once a man in An - dros - cog - gin, Or in some out - land - ish place, With a

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S
A
T
B

view to find this coun - try, To the west - ward set his face. He was

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S wear - y at Chi - ca - go, So he sat him down to rest; But 'twas

A wear - y at Chi - ca - go, So he sat him down to rest; But 'twas

T wear - y at Chi - ca - go, So he sat him down to rest; But 'twas

B wear - y at Chi - ca - go, So he sat him down to rest; But 'twas

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S on - ly there the cen - ter, Not the fa - bled gold - en west.

A on - ly there the cen - ter, Not the fa - bled gold - en west.

T on - ly there the cen - ter, Not the fa - bled gold - en west.

B on - ly there the cen - ter, Not the fa - bled gold - en west.

VERSE 3

42

S Then he crossed the roll - ing prai - ries Stretch - ing on - ward like the sea; "I am

A Then he crossed the roll - ing prai - ries Stretch - ing on - ward like the sea; "I am

T Then he crossed the roll - ing prai - ries Stretch - ing on - ward like the sea; "I am

B Then he crossed the roll - ing prai - ries Stretch - ing on - ward like the sea; "I am

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S bound to find this coun - try, If there's such a one," said he: So he

A bound to find this coun - try, If there's such a one," said he: So he

T bound to find this coun - try, If there's such a one," said he: So he

B bound to find this coun - try, If there's such a one," said he: So he

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S swam the Mis - sis - sip - pi, Then up - on Mis - sou - ri's breast, He ex -

A swam the Mis - sis - sip - pi, Then up - on Mis - sou - ri's breast, He ex -

T swam the Mis - sis - sip - pi, Then up - on Mis - sou - ri's breast, He ex -

B swam the Mis - sis - sip - pi, Then up - on Mis - sou - ri's breast, He ex -

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S plored the wilds of Kan - sas For this coun - try in the west.

A plored the wilds of Kan - sas For this coun - try in the west.

T plored the wilds of Kan - sas For this coun - try in the west.

B plored the wilds of Kan - sas For this coun - try in the west.

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VERSE 4

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S
Climb - ing o'er the Rock - y moun - tains, On he kept his wear - y way, Till the

A
Climb - ing o'er the Rock - y moun - tains, On he kept his wear - y way, Till the

T
Climb - ing o'er the Rock - y moun - tains, On he kept his wear - y way, Till the

B
Climb - ing o'er the Rock - y moun - tains, On he kept his wear - y way, Till the

64

S
broad Pa - ci - fic's wa - ters Right be - fore his vis - ion lay: Here he

A
broad Pa - ci - fic's wa - ters Right be - fore his vis - ion lay: Here he

T
broad Pa - ci - fic's wa - ters Right be - fore his vis - ion lay: Here he

B
broad Pa - ci - fic's wa - ters Right be - fore his vis - ion lay: Here he

68

S
sat him down and pon - dered, But for him there was no rest; "Tis an

A
sat him down and pon - dered, But for him there was no rest; "Tis an

T
sat him down and pon - dered, But for him there was no rest; "Tis an

B
sat him down and pon - dered, But for him there was no rest; "Tis an

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S is - land, sure - ly," said he, "This fair coun - try in the west."

A is - land, sure - ly," said he, "This fair coun - try in the west."

T is - land, sure - ly," said he, "This fair coun - try in the west."

B is - land, sure - ly," said he, "This fair coun - try in the west."

VERSE 5

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S So a ves - sel quick he build - ed, And the shore he left be - hind; Sail - ing

A So a ves - sel quick he build - ed, And the shore he left be - hind; Sail - ing

T So a ves - sel quick he build - ed, And the shore he left be - hind; Sail - ing

B So a ves - sel quick he build - ed, And the shore he left be - hind; Sail - ing

81

S on with ea - ger long - ings, Still this hap - py isle to find: Af - ter

A on with ea - ger long - ings, Still this hap - py isle to find: Af - ter

T on with ea - ger long - ings, Still this hap - py isle to find: Af - ter

B on with ea - ger long - ings, Still this hap - py isle to find: Af - ter

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S man - y days, one morn - ing He be-held the wished for land; Steer - ing

A man - y days, one morn - ing He be-held the wished for land; Steer - ing

T man - y days, one morn - ing He be-held the wished for land; Steer - ing

B man - y days, one morn - ing He be-held the wished for land; Steer - ing

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S 'mid the shoals and break - ers, Quick - ly reached the gold - en strand.

A 'mid the shoals and break - ers, Quick - ly reached the gold - en strand.

T 'mid the shoals and break - ers, Quick - ly reached the gold - en strand.

B 'mid the shoals and break - ers, Quick - ly reached the gold - en strand.

VERSE 6

93

S From this gal - lant bark he land - ed, Wad-ing thro' the curl - ing foam, With his

A From this gal - lant bark he land - ed, Wad-ing thro' the curl - ing foam, With his

T From this gal - lant bark he land - ed, Wad-ing thro' the curl - ing foam, With his

B From this gal - lant bark he land - ed, Wad-ing thro' the curl - ing foam, With his

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S eyes wide ope' with won - der, For he found him - self at home: Then he

A eyes wide ope' with won - der, For he found him - self at home: Then he

T eyes wide ope' with won - der, For he found him - self at home: Then he

B eyes wide ope' with won - der, For he found him - self at home: Then he

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S learned that one for - ev - er Might go one and nev - er rest; Still they

A learned that one for - ev - er Might go one and nev - er rest; Still they

T learned that one for - ev - er Might go one and nev - er rest; Still they

B learned that one for - ev - er Might go one and nev - er rest; Still they

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S would not find this coun - try, For 'tis al - ways fur - ther west.

A would not find this coun - try, For 'tis al - ways fur - ther west.

T would not find this coun - try, For 'tis al - ways fur - ther west.

B would not find this coun - try, For 'tis al - ways fur - ther west.

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