



Cousin Jedediah

Henry S. Thompson
(1824-?)

Henry S. Thompson (1824-?) was born in Massachusetts. He moved to Newburyport and became a music teacher, performer, and impresario. He conducted the Quartet Club and entertainments of songs, duets, glees, choruses. He moved to East Boston and was active as a music teacher. He was also a performer in a number of minstrel troupes appearing from Boston to St. Louis. He wrote many songs and choruses for the shows, mostly the popular maudlin or syrupy ballads. His song "Down by the River Liv'd a Maiden," which was published in 1863, is believed to be the basis for Percy Montrose's song "Oh My Darling, Clementine," published in 1884. His song "Annie Lisle," a ballad about the death of a young lass, was adapted in 1870 as "High Above Cayuga's Waters," the college song of Cornell University. The tune has been used for spirit songs of schools across the country. A version of his song "Lilly Dale," a song about a young maiden struck by disease, appears in the James Joyce novel "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" and was recorded by country singer Bob Wills and covered by Dolly Parton as "Billy Dale." His death place and date are uncertain, but he appears to be still living in 1900 at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Oh! Jacob, get the cows home and put them in the pen,
For the cousins are a-coming to see us all again,
The dowdy's in the pan, and the turkey's on the fire,
And we all must get ready for Cousin Jedediah.

*Cousin Jedediah;
There's Hezekiah,
And Azariah,
And Aunt Sophia.
And Jedediah,
All coming here to tea,
Oh! won't we have a jolly time!
Jerusha, put the kettle on,
We'll all take tea.*

Now, Obed, wash your face, boy, and tallow up your shoes,
While I go to see Aunt Betty, and tell her all the news,
And, Kitty, slick your hair, and put on your Sunday gown
For Cousin Jedediah comes right from Boston town.

And, Job, you peel the onions, and wash and fix the 'taters,
We'll have them on the table in those shiny painted waiters,
Put on your bran' new boots and those trousers with the straps,
Aunt Sophia'll take a shine to you, if you look real slick, perhaps.

Tell Josh to put the colt in the double-seated chaise,
Let him just card down the cattle, give them a little hay,
I'll wear my nice new bell-crown I bought of old Uriah,
And I guess we'll astonish our Cousin Jedediah.

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S Oh! Ja - cob, get the cows home and put them in the pen, For the

A Oh! Ja - cob, get the cows home and put them in the pen, For the

T Oh! Ja - cob, get the cows home and put them in the pen, For the

B Oh! Ja - cob, get the cows home and put them in the pen, For the

4 S cous - ins are a - com - ing to see us all a - gain, The dow - dy's in the pan, and the

A cous - ins are a - com - ing to see us all a - gain, The dow - dy's in the pan, and the

T cous - ins are a - com - ing to see us all a - gain, The dow - dy's in the pan, and the

B cous - ins are a - com - ing to see us all a - gain, The dow - dy's in the pan, and the

7 S tur - key's on the fire, And we all must get read - y for Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

A tur - key's on the fire, And we all must get read - y for Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

T tur - key's on the fire, And we all must get read - y for Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

B tur - key's on the fire, And we all must get read - y for Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

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CHORUS

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S And Aunt So - phia.

A And Az - a - riah,

T There's Hez - e - kiah,

B Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah; And Jed - e - di - ah,

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the chorus, starting at measure 10. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a bass line. The Soprano part begins with a whole note rest followed by a half note G4 with a fermata. The Alto part has a whole note rest followed by a half note G4 with a fermata. The Tenor part has a whole note rest followed by a half note G4 with a fermata. The Bass part has a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, and a half note D3 with a fermata. The lyrics are: 'And Aunt So - phia.' for Soprano, 'And Az - a - riah,' for Alto, 'There's Hez - e - kiah,' for Tenor, and 'Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah; And Jed - e - di - ah,' for Bass.

13

S All com - ing here to tea, Oh! won't we have a jol - ly time, Oh!

A All com - ing here to tea, Oh! won't we have a jol - ly time, Oh!

T All com - ing here to tea, Oh! won't we have a jol - ly time, Oh!

B All com - ing here to tea, Oh! won't we have a jol - ly time, Oh!

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the chorus, starting at measure 13. It features four vocal staves and a bass line. The Soprano part has a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4 with a fermata. The Alto part has a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4 with a fermata. The Tenor part has a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4 with a fermata. The Bass part has a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, and a half note D3 with a fermata. The lyrics are: 'All com - ing here to tea, Oh! won't we have a jol - ly time, Oh!' for all parts.

16

S won't we have a jol - ly time! Je - ru - sha, put the ket - tle on, We'll all take tea. *sx*

A won't we have a jol - ly time! Je - ru - sha, put the ket - tle on, We'll all take tea. *sx*

T won't we have a jol - ly time! Je - ru - sha, put the ket - tle on, We'll all take tea. *sx*

B won't we have a jol - ly time! Je - ru - sha, put the ket - tle on, We'll all take tea. *sx*

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the chorus, starting at measure 16. It features four vocal staves and a bass line. The Soprano part has a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4 with a fermata. The Alto part has a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4 with a fermata. The Tenor part has a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4 with a fermata. The Bass part has a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, and a half note D3 with a fermata. The lyrics are: 'won't we have a jol - ly time! Je - ru - sha, put the ket - tle on, We'll all take tea.' for all parts. Each staff ends with a fermata and a 'sx' marking.

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VERSE 2

18

S Now, O - bed, wash your face, boy, and tal - low up your shoes, While I

A Now, O - bed, wash your face, boy, and tal - low up your shoes, While I

T Now, O - bed, wash your face, boy, and tal - low up your shoes, While I

B Now, O - bed, wash your face, boy, and tal - low up your shoes, While I

21

S go to see Aunt Bet - ty, and tell her all the news, And, Kit - ty, slick your hair, and put

A go to see Aunt Bet - ty, and tell her all the news, And, Kit - ty, slick your hair, and put

T go to see Aunt Bet - ty, and tell her all the news, And, Kit - ty, slick your hair, and put

B go to see Aunt Bet - ty, and tell her all the news, And, Kit - ty, slick your hair, and put

24

S on your Sun - day gown For Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah comes right from Bos - ton town.

A on your Sun - day gown For Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah comes right from Bos - ton town.

T on your Sun - day gown For Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah comes right from Bos - ton town.

B on your Sun - day gown For Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah comes right from Bos - ton town.

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VERSE 3

27

S And, Job, you peel the on - ions, and wash and fix the 'tat - ers, We'll

A And, Job, you peel the on - ions, and wash and fix the 'tat - ers, We'll

T And, Job, you peel the on - ions, and wash and fix the 'tat - ers, We'll

B And, Job, you peel the on - ions, and wash and fix the 'tat - ers, We'll

30

S have them on the ta - ble in those shin - y paint - ed wait - ers, Put on your bran' new boots and those

A have them on the ta - ble in those shin - y paint - ed wait - ers, Put on your bran' new boots and those

T have them on the ta - ble in those shin - y paint - ed wait - ers, Put on your bran' new boots and those

B have them on the ta - ble in those shin - y paint - ed wait - ers, Put on your bran' new boots and those

33

S trous - ers with the straps, Aunt So - phia'll take a shine to you, if you look real slick, per - haps.

A trous - ers with the straps, Aunt So - phia'll take a shine to you, if you look real slick, per - haps.

T trous - ers with the straps, Aunt So - phia'll take a shine to you, if you look real slick, per - haps.

B trous - ers with the straps, Aunt So - phia'll take a shine to you, if you look real slick, per - haps.

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VERSE 4

36

S Tell Josh to put the colt in the dou - ble - seat - ed chaise, Let him

A Tell Josh to put the colt in the dou - ble - seat - ed chaise, Let him

T Tell Josh to put the colt in the dou - ble - seat - ed chaise, Let him

B Tell Josh to put the colt in the dou - ble - seat - ed chaise, Let him

39

S just card down the cat - tle, give them a lit - tle hay, I'll wear my nice new bell - crown I

A just card down the cat - tle, give them a lit - tle hay, I'll wear my nice new bell - crown I

T just card down the cat - tle, give them a lit - tle hay, I'll wear my nice new bell - crown I

B just card down the cat - tle, give them a lit - tle hay, I'll wear my nice new bell - crown I

42

S bought of old U - ri - ah, And I guess we'll as - ton - ish our Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

A bought of old U - ri - ah, And I guess we'll as - ton - ish our Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

T bought of old U - ri - ah, And I guess we'll as - ton - ish our Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

B bought of old U - ri - ah, And I guess we'll as - ton - ish our Cous - in Jed - e - di - ah.

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