



**Kick Him
When He's Down**

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(1835-1912)**

Thomas Martin Towne (1835-1912) was born in Coleraine, Massachusetts, where he grew up on a farm and attended the district school and the local singing school. He studied music at Willston Seminary and a convention in Shelburne. He moved to Hudson, New York, to study with W. F. Sherwin and then to Albany as a tenor in St. Peter's Church. He moved west and taught in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and in the Detroit public schools. During this time, he also studied with Lowell Mason, George F. Root, and William B. Bradbury at a North Reading, MA, normal school. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he left teaching and sang with the Continental Vocalists, eventually settling in Janesville, Wisconsin. After teaching a year, he enlisted and became musician in the 40th Wisconsin Infantry. After the war, he went to Milwaukee and taught music at the Female College and sang in Plymouth Church. A few years later, he moved to Chicago, Illinois. He led choirs, composed, held music conventions, taught in many normal schools, and was musical editor for the David C. Cook publishing house. He died in Chicago. After his first wife died, he married Isabella Electa Kellogg, who wrote Sunday school books and edited several Sunday school papers besides writing lyrics for some of her husband's songs using the pseudonyms Mrs. Thomas Martin Towne, Mrs. E. S. Kellogg, and Belle Kellogg. They were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He composed hundreds of sheet songs, duets, quartets, part-songs, gospel songs, Sunday school songs, hymns, and anthems.

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Moderato

S
When the sun of pros - per - i - ty's shin - ing, _____ And a

A
When the sun of pros - per - i - ty's shin - ing, _____ And a

T
When the sun of pros - per - i - ty's shin - ing, _____ And a

B
When the sun of pros - per - i - ty's shin - ing, _____ And a

S
man's grow - ing rich - er each day, _____ When in ease and con - tent - ment re -

A
man's grow - ing rich - er each day, _____ When in ease and con - tent - ment re -

T
man's grow - ing rich - er each day, _____ When in ease and con - tent - ment re -

B
man's grow - ing rich - er each day, _____ When in ease and con - tent - ment re -

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S clin - ing, _____ And a gold - en suc - cess crowns his way, _____ How

A clin - ing, _____ And a gold - en suc - cess crowns his way, _____ How

T clin - ing, _____ And a gold - en suc - cess crowns his way, _____ How

B clin - ing, _____ And a gold - en suc - cess crowns his way, _____ How

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S friends will then flock round a - bout him, _____ But if for - tune should hap - pen to

A friends will then flock round a - bout him, _____ But if for - tune should hap - pen to

T friends will then flock round a - bout him, _____ But if for - tune should hap - pen to

B friends will then flock round a - bout him, _____ But if for - tune should hap - pen to

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S frown _____ O how quick - ly he'll get the cold shoul - der _____ And be

A frown _____ O how quick - ly he'll get the cold shoul - der _____ And be

T frown _____ O how quick - ly he'll get the cold shoul - der _____ And be

B frown _____ O how quick - ly he'll get the cold shoul - der _____ And be

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S kicked just be - cause he is down.

A kicked just be - cause he is down.

T kicked just be - cause he is down.

B kicked just be - cause he is down.

S And be kicked, And be kicked, And be

A And be kicked, And be kicked, And be

T And be kicked, And be kicked, And be

B And be kicked, And be kicked, And be

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S kicked just be - cause he is down.

A kicked just be - cause he is down.

T kicked just be - cause he is down.

B kicked just be - cause he is down.

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S Let a man get po - si - tion or rich - es, _____ Mat - ters

A Let a man get po - si - tion or rich - es, _____ Mat - ters

T Let a man get po - si - tion or rich - es, _____ Mat - ters

B Let a man get po - si - tion or rich - es, _____ Mat - ters

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S not if by in - trigue or fraud, _____ See! the world nods ap - prov - ing - ly

A not if by in - trigue or fraud, _____ See! the world nods ap - prov - ing - ly

T not if by in - trigue or fraud, _____ See! the world nods ap - prov - ing - ly

B not if by in - trigue or fraud, _____ See! the world nods ap - prov - ing - ly

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S at him, _____ And his acts it will loud - ly ap - plaud, _____ What

A at him, _____ And his acts it will loud - ly ap - plaud, _____ What

T at him, _____ And his acts it will loud - ly ap - plaud, _____ What

B at him, _____ And his acts it will loud - ly ap - plaud, _____ What

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S
tho' he may be a great vil - lain! _____ With the sim - ple, the wise and the

A
tho' he may be a great vil - lain! _____ With the sim - ple, the wise and the

T
tho' he may be a great vil - lain! _____ With the sim - ple, the wise and the

B
tho' he may be a great vil - lain! _____ With the sim - ple, the wise and the

32

S
clown, _____ While he's up, he's a tip - top good fel - low, _____ But they'll

A
clown, _____ While he's up, he's a tip - top good fel - low, _____ But they'll

T
clown, _____ While he's up, he's a tip - top good fel - low, _____ But they'll

B
clown, _____ While he's up, he's a tip - top good fel - low, _____ But they'll

35

S
kick him if ev - er he's down. _____

A
kick him if ev - er he's down. _____

T
kick him if ev - er he's down. _____

B
kick him if ev - er he's down. _____

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S But they'll kick, But they'll kick, But they'll
A But they'll kick, But they'll kick, But they'll
T But they'll kick, But they'll kick, But they'll
B But they'll kick, But they'll kick, But they'll

40

S kick him if ev - er he's down.
A kick him if ev - er he's down.
T kick him if ev - er he's down.
B kick him if ev - er he's down.

S What's the use of our be - ing so mor - al, Ei - ther
A What's the use of our be - ing so mor - al, Ei - ther
T What's the use of our be - ing so mor - al, Ei - ther
B What's the use of our be - ing so mor - al, Ei - ther

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S up - right, or "hon - est and true;" _____ For un - less a man has "lots of

A up - right, or "hon - est and true;" _____ For un - less a man has "lots of

T up - right, or "hon - est and true;" _____ For un - less a man has "lots of

B up - right, or "hon - est and true;" _____ For un - less a man has "lots of

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S mon - ey" _____ The whole world's bound to "put him right through." _____ They'll

A mon - ey" _____ The whole world's bound to "put him right through." _____ They'll

T mon - ey" _____ The whole world's bound to "put him right through." _____ They'll

B mon - ey" _____ The whole world's bound to "put him right through." _____ They'll

50

S "go for him" cer - tain and sure - ly, _____ From the jock - ey to priest in his

A "go for him" cer - tain and sure - ly, _____ From the jock - ey to priest in his

T "go for him" cer - tain and sure - ly, _____ From the jock - ey to priest in his

B "go for him" cer - tain and sure - ly, _____ From the jock - ey to priest in his

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S gown, _____ All will stand ev - er read - y to "snub him," _____ And to

A gown, _____ All will stand ev - er read - y to "snub him," _____ And to

T gown, _____ All will stand ev - er read - y to "snub him," _____ And to

B gown, _____ All will stand ev - er read - y to "snub him," _____ And to

56

S kick him be - cause he is down. _____

A kick him be - cause he is down. _____

T kick him be - cause he is down. _____

B kick him be - cause he is down. _____

58

S And to kick, And to kick, And to

A And to kick, And to kick, And to

T And to kick, And to kick, And to

B And to kick, And to kick, And to

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S kick him be - cause he is down.

A kick him be - cause he is down.

T kick him be - cause he is down.

B kick him be - cause he is down.

S When, oh! when will man - kind be less self - ish, Will it

A When, oh! when will man - kind be less self - ish, Will it

T When, oh! when will man - kind be less self - ish, Will it

B When, oh! when will man - kind be less self - ish, Will it

63

S ev - er in fu - ture be thus? That we al - ways will do to each

A ev - er in fu - ture be thus? That we al - ways will do to each

T ev - er in fu - ture be thus? That we al - ways will do to each

B ev - er in fu - ture be thus? That we al - ways will do to each

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S oth - er _____ As we'd wish them to do un - to us. _____ And

A oth - er _____ As we'd wish them to do un - to us. _____ And

T oth - er _____ As we'd wish them to do un - to us. _____ And

B oth - er _____ As we'd wish them to do un - to us. _____ And

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S if in "ad - ver - si - ty's o - cean," _____ We are sink - ing and read - y to

A if in "ad - ver - si - ty's o - cean," _____ We are sink - ing and read - y to

T if in "ad - ver - si - ty's o - cean," _____ We are sink - ing and read - y to

B if in "ad - ver - si - ty's o - cean," _____ We are sink - ing and read - y to

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S drown, _____ Ev - er blest be the friend whose de - vo - tion _____ Loves to

A drown, _____ Ev - er blest be the friend whose de - vo - tion _____ Loves to

T drown, _____ Ev - er blest be the friend whose de - vo - tion _____ Loves to

B drown, _____ Ev - er blest be the friend whose de - vo - tion _____ Loves to

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S help a man up when he's down.

A help a man up when he's down.

T help a man up when he's down.

B help a man up when he's down.

79

S Loves to help, Loves to help, Loves to

A Loves to help, Loves to help, Loves to

T Loves to help, Loves to help, Loves to

B Loves to help, Loves to help, Loves to

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S help a man when he is down.

A help a man when he is down.

T help a man when he is down.

B help a man when he is down.

When the sun of prosperity's shining,
And a man's growing richer each day,
When in ease and contentment reclining,
And a golden success crowns his way,
How friends will then flock round about him,
But if fortune should happen to frown
O how quickly he'll get the cold shoulder
And be kicked just because he is down.

Let a man get position or riches,
Matters not if by intrigue or fraud,
See! the world nods approvingly at him,
And his acts it will loudly applaud,
What though he may be a great villain!
With the simple, the wise and the clown,
While he's up, he's a tip-top good fellow,
But they'll kick him if ever he's down.

What's the use of our being so moral,
Either upright, or "honest and true;"
For unless a man has "lots of money"
The whole world's bound to "put him right through."
They'll "go for him" certain and surely,
From the jockey to priest in his gown,
All will stand ever ready to "snub him,"
And to kick him because he is down.

When, oh! when will mankind be less selfish,
Will it ever in future be thus?
That we always will do to each other
As we'd wish them to do unto us.
And if in "adversity's ocean,"
We are sinking and ready to drown,
Ever blest be the friend whose devotion
Loves to help a man up when he's down.

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