



The History of a Lobster

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(ca. 1859-?)

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S A T B

A dear lit - tle lob - ster once liv'd in the sea. Heigh - ho,

S A T B

Heigh - ho! So naugh - ty and wick - ed un - ru - ly was he.

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S Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! He was told by his par - ents

A Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! He was told by his par - ents

T Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! He was told by his par - ents

B Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! He was told by his par - ents

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S nev - er to stray From his nice lit - tle home, by night or by day, But what

A nev - er to stray From his nice lit - tle home, by night or by day, But what

T nev - er to stray From his nice lit - tle home, by night or by day, But what

B nev - er to stray From his nice lit - tle home, by night or by day,

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S ev - er they told him, he would have his way. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho!

A ev - er they told him, he would have his way. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho!

T ev - er they told him, he would have his way. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho!

B his way. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho!

rall.

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S This dear lit - tle shell - fish one day es - pied, Heigh - ho,

A This dear lit - tle shell - fish one day es - pied, Heigh - ho,

T This dear lit - tle shell - fish one day es - pied, Heigh - ho,

B This dear lit - tle shell - fish one day es - pied, Heigh - ho,

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S Heigh - ho! A lob - ster - pot with the bait in - side With his

A Heigh - ho! A lob - ster - pot with the bait in - side With his

T Heigh - ho! A lob - ster - pot with the bait in - side With his

B Heigh - ho! A lob - ster - pot with the bait in - side With his

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S eye - o, his eye - o. Said he, "I'll have a

A eye - o, his eye - o. Said he, "I'll have a

T eye - o, his eye - o. Said he, "I'll have a

B eye - o, his eye - o. Said he, "I'll have a

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S right — good feed," Then he en - tered that pot with cov - et - ous greed; But a -

A right — good feed," Then he en - tered that pot with cov - et - ous greed; But a -

T right good feed," Then he en - tered that pot with cov - et - ous greed; But a -

B right good feed," Then he en - tered that pot with cov - et - ous greed;

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S las! poor — fel - low, he nev - er was freed. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! *rall.*

A las! poor — fel - low, he nev - er was freed. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! *rall.*

T las! poor — fel - low, he nev - er was freed. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! *rall.*

B was freed. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho! *rall.*

S He soon was boil'd, and with much care Heigh - ho,

A He soon was boil'd, and with much care Heigh - ho,

T He soon was boil'd, and with much care Heigh - ho,

B He soon was boil'd, and with much care Heigh - ho,

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S Heigh - ho! Was tinn'd by a firm in So - ho Square,

A Heigh - ho! Was tinn'd by a firm in So - ho Square,

T Heigh - ho! Was tinn'd by a firm in So - ho Square,

B Heigh - ho! Was tinn'd by a firm in So - ho Square,

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S So - ho, So - ho! He was kept in stock by a

A So - ho, So - ho! He was kept in stock by a

T So - ho, So - ho! He was kept in stock by a

B So - ho, So - ho! He was kept in stock by a

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S gro - cer bold For nan - y a year be - fore he was sold, And

A gro - cer bold For nan - y a year be - fore he was sold, And

T gro - cer bold For nan - y a year be - fore he was sold, And

B gro - cer bold For nan - y a year be - fore he was sold,

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S
when he was o - pen'd, the truth must be told, He was high o, ver - y high ho!

A
when he was o - pen'd, the truth must be told, He was high o, ver - y high ho!

T
when he was o - pen'd, the truth must be told, He was high o, ver - y high ho!

B
be told, He was high o, ver - y high ho!

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Herbert Augustus "Gus" Burney was a light comedian active in London in the early decades of the 1900s. He appeared with the ensembles "Tatlers", "Scamps", and "Zeniths." He specialized in child imitations and wrote a number of comic songs.

Adolph Fowler (ca. 1859-?) was a bass singer and soloist at Westminster Cathedral. He also had a musical troupe in the first decades of the 1900s.

A dear little lobster once lived in the sea.
Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho!
So naughty and wicked unruly was he.
Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho!
He was told by his parents never to stray
From his nice little home, by night or by day,
But what ever they told him, he would have his way.
Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho!

This dear little shellfish one day espied,
Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho!
A lobsterpot with the bait inside
With his eye-o, his eye-o.
Said he, "I'll have a right good feed,"
Then he entered that pot with covetous greed;
But alas! poor fellow, he never was freed.
Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho!

He soon was boiled, and with much care
Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho!
Was tinned by a firm in Soho Square,
Soho, Soho!
He was kept in stock by a grocer bold
For many a year before he was sold,
And when he was opened, the truth must be told,
He was high o,
very high ho!

Herbert Augustus "Gus" Burney

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