



# Ben Bowlegs

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(1839-1913)

**William Webster Pearson** (1839-1913) was born at Bishop Auckland, Durham, England. He was a chorister of York Minster, but was mainly a self-taught musician. He served as organist and choirmaster of Elmhurst Parish Church, Norfolk; was violinist with a quintet at East Dereham; taught violin at Norfolk County School, Dereham; served as master of music and art at Watts' Naval College, North Elmham; was conductor of numerous bands; and a teacher of violin, organ, and piano. He invented a system of sight-singing called "Substitution of Pitch" or "Staff Tonic Sol-Fa" and developed a staff modulator to aid the learning of sight-singing. His compositions include anthems, organ works, piano pieces, songs, dance music, a cantata for female voices, and part songs. A number of his part songs were very popular. He was also a skilled amateur artist, painting in oil and watercolor. He died at South Walsham, Norfolk.

Ben Bowlegs had a little dog,  
And a very little dog was he;  
But he was, for his age,  
Most remarkably sage,  
Just as sage as a dog could be!

Ben Bowlegs loved him as a friend,  
They always were together,  
And hours abroad the two would spend,  
In every kind of weather.

Ben Bowlegs and his dog one day,  
And a very foggy day was it,  
For a stroll going out,  
Very soon fell in doubt,  
for no road could they see one bit!

Ben Bowlegs sought the path in vain,  
And naughty words it cost him;  
He call'd his dog to close remain,  
But O he found he'd lost him!

Ben Bowlegs blew his whistle shrill,  
His whistle very shrill blew he, blew he;  
But his dear little dog,  
Through the veil of the fog,  
To his grief he still failed to see!

He called him loudly, "Hark, boy, hark!"  
He bawled in tones commanding,  
Then found the dog, it gave a bark,  
Between his legs was standing!

Edward Oxenford

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W. W. Pearson

**Allegretto**

S *mf* Ben\_ Bow - legs had a

A *mf* Ben\_ Bow - legs had a

T

B

**Allegretto**

Piano *f*

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S lit - tle dog, But he

A lit - tle dog, was he, But he

T *mf* And a ver - y lit - tle dog was he, was he;

B *mf* And a ver - y lit - tle dog was he;

Pno. *mf*

7

S was, for his age, Most re - mark - a - bly sage, Just as sage, just as sage — as a

A was, — for his age, Most re - mark - a - bly sage, Just as sage, — just as sage — as a

T for his age, ver - y sage, Just as sage — as a

B for his age, ver - y sage, Just as sage — as a

Pno.

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S dog could be! But he was, — for his age, Most re - mark - a - bly sage, Just as

A dog could be! But he was, for his age, Most re - mark - a - bly sage, Just as

T dog could be! But he was, — for his age, Most re - mark - a - bly sage, Just as

B dog could be! But he was, for his age, Most re - mark - a - bly sage, Just as

Pno.

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S sage — as a dog could be!

A sage as a dog could be, could be!

T sage — as a dog could be, could be!

B sage as a dog could be! Ben —

Pno.

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15

S *p* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A *p* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T *p* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B Bow - legs, \_\_\_ Ben \_\_\_ Bow - legs, \_\_\_ Ben \_\_\_

Pno. *p*

17

S Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B Bow - legs lov'd him as \_\_\_ a \_\_\_ friend, They \_\_\_

Pno.

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S Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

A Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

T Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

B al - ways were to - geth - er, they — al - ways were to - geth - er, They —

Pno.

21

S Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! *p* Bow - wow - wow!

A Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! *p* Bow - wow - wow!

T Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! *p* Bow - wow - wow!

B al - ways were, they al - ways were to - geth - er, And\_ hours a - broad the —

Pno.

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24

S Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B two would spend, *cresc.* And \_\_\_ hours a - broad the two \_\_\_ would spend, In \_\_\_

Pno.

27

S Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

A Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

T Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

B ev - 'ry kind of weath - er, In \_\_\_ ev - 'ry kind of weath - er, In \_\_\_

Pno.



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29

S Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow -

A Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow -

T Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow -

B ev - 'ry kind, in ev - 'ry kind of weath - er. Bow - wow -

Pno.

31

S wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er, Bow - wow -

A wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er, Bow - wow -

T wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er, Bow - wow -

B wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er, Bow - wow -

Pno.

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S wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er.

A wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er.

T wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er.

B wow! Bow - wow - wow! In ev - 'ry kind of weath - er.

Pno.

*poco rit.*

*poco rit.*

*poco rit.*

*poco rit.*

*poco rit.*

S *mf* Ben Bow - legs and his dog one day,

A *mf* Ben Bow - legs and his dog one day,

T *mf* And a ver - y fog - gy day was

B *mf* And a ver - y fog - gy day was

Pno.

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S *mf* For a stroll go - ing out, Ver - y soon fell in doubt, For no

A *mf* was it, For a stroll go - ing out, Ver - y soon fell in doubt, For no

T it, was it, go - ing out, fell in doubt,

B it, go - ing out, fell in doubt,

Pno. *mf*

41

S *f* road, for no road could they see one bit! For a stroll go - ing out, Ver - y

A *f* road, for no road could they see one bit! For a stroll go - ing out, Ver - y

T *f* For no road could they see one bit! For a stroll go - ing out, Ver - y

B *f* For no road could they see one bit! For a stroll go - ing out, Ver - y

Pno. *f*

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44

S soon— fell in doubt, For no road— could they see one bit!

A soon fell in doubt, For no road could they see one bit, one bit!

T soon— fell in doubt, For no road— could they see one bit, one bit!

B soon fell in doubt, For no road could they see one bit! Ben—

Pno.

47

S *p* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A *p* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T *p* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B Bow - legs, — Ben — Bow - legs, — Ben —

Pno. *p*

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S  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow!

B  
Bow - legs sought the path \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ vain,                      And \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

51

S  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

B  
naugh - ty words it cost him,                      And \_\_\_\_\_ naugh - ty words it cost him,                      And \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

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53

S  
Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B  
naugh - ty words, and naugh - ty words it cost him; He\_\_ call'd his dog to\_\_

Pno.

*p*

56

S  
Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B  
close re - main, He\_\_ call'd his dog to close\_\_ re -

Pno.

*cresc.*

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58

S  
Bow - wow - wow!      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow - wow - wow!      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow - wow - wow!      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

B  
main,      But \_\_\_\_\_ O he found he'd lost him,      But \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

60

S  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!      Bow,      Bow - wow - wow!      Bow - wow -

A  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!      Bow,      Bow - wow - wow!      Bow - wow -

T  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!      Bow,      Bow - wow - wow!      Bow - wow -

B  
O he found he'd lost him,      But \_\_\_\_\_ O he found, but O he found he'd

Pno.

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S  
wow! *f* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! But\_\_\_\_\_

A  
wow! *f* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! But

T  
wow! *f* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! But\_\_\_\_\_

B  
lost him! *f* Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! But\_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

64

S  
O he found he'd lost him! *poco rit.* Bow - wow - wow! Bow-wow-wow! But\_\_ O he found he'd lost him!

A  
O he found he'd lost him! *poco rit.* Bow - wow - wow! Bow-wow-wow! But O he\_\_ found he'd lost him!

T  
O he found he'd lost him! *poco rit.* Bow - wow - wow! Bow-wow-wow! But O he\_\_ found he'd lost him!

B  
O he found he'd lost him! *poco rit.* Bow - wow - wow! Bow-wow-wow! But O he found he'd lost him!

Pno.



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S *mf* Ben — Bow - legs blew his whis - tle shrill,

A *mf* Ben — Bow - legs blew his whis - tle shrill,

T His —

B His —

Pno. *mf*

S *mf* But his dear lit - tle dog, Thro' the

A *mf* blew he; But his dear — lit - tle dog, Thro' the

T whis - tle ver - y shrill blew he, blew he; lit - tle dog,

B whis - tle ver - y shrill blew he; lit - tle dog,

Pno. *mf*

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72

S veil of the fog, To his grief, to his grief — he still fail'd to see! But his

A veil of the fog, To his grief, to his grief — he still fail'd to see! But his

T of the fog, To his grief — he still fail'd to see! But his

B of the fog, To his grief — he still fail'd to see! But his

Pno.

75

S dear lit - tle dog, Thro' the veil of the fog, To his grief — he still fail'd to

A dear lit - tle dog, Thro' the veil of the fog, To his grief he still fail'd to

T dear lit - tle dog, Thro' the veil of the fog, To his grief — he still fail'd to

B dear lit - tle dog, Thro' the veil of the fog, To his grief he still fail'd to

Pno.

# Ben Bowlegs

78

S  
see! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A  
see, to see! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T  
see, to see! Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B  
see! He\_\_ call'd him,\_\_ He\_\_ call'd him,\_\_ He\_\_

Pno.

81

S  
Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow!

B  
call'd him loud - ly, "Hark,\_\_ boy,\_\_ hark!" He\_\_

Pno.

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83

S Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

A Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

T Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

B bawl'd in tones com - mand - ing, He\_\_\_\_\_ bawl'd in tones com - mand - ing, He\_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

85

S Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! *p* Bow - wow - wow!

A Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! *p* Bow - wow - wow!

T Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! *p* Bow - wow - wow!

B bawl'd, he bawl'd, he bawl'd in tones com - mand - ing, Then found the dog, it\_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

# Ben Bowlegs

88

S  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow!

B  
gave a bark,                      *cresc.* Then found the dog, it gave a

Pno.

90

S  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

A  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

T  
Bow - wow - wow!                      Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow!

B  
bark,                      Be - tween his legs was stand - ing, Be -

Pno.

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92

S  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow -

A  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow -

T  
Bow - wow - wow - wow - wow! Bow, Bow - wow - wow! Bow - wow -

B  
tween his legs was stand - ing, Be - tween his legs, be - tween his legs was

Pno.

94

S  
wow! *ff* Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! Be - tween his legs was

A  
wow! *ff* Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! Be - tween his legs was

T  
wow! *ff* Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! Be - tween his legs was

B  
stand - ing! *ff* Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! Be - tween his legs was

Pno.

# Ben Bowlegs

96

S stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was

A stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was

T stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was

B stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was

Pno.

98

S stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! *poco rit.*

A stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! *poco rit.*

T stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! *poco rit.*

B stand - ing! Then found the dog, it gave a bark, Be - tween his legs was stand - ing! *poco rit.*

Pno. *poco rit.*

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