



Three Doughtie Men

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(1839-1913)

Once uponne a tyme, three doughtie men,
A huntynge they would goe;
And one hadde a sworde, and one hadde a shielde,
And one hadde a twangynge bow.

They wander'd farre in ye hot countrie,
And mette a queere olde wighte;
To hym they tolde they're hyghe ressolve,
And how they meant to fyghte.

"A beast there bee in a casstell stronge,
Which is bothe neare and nygh,
O come there-to and slay.—"
There was a twynkelle in hys eye.

Grymme and olde was that stronge castell,
And darke the colde stone staire;
Yet fill'd with pluckke they alle three stryve,
To garde the dang'rousse reare.

On hands and knees they slowlie creepe:
He opes a lowe oake door;
Dysmayde, they liste a dismal squeeke
From a rattetrappe on the floore.

Fierce and greate the salvage ratte,
Didde make a lepe atte they;
With one accorde they pale and shrieke,
And straightway flee awaye.

And one, two, three downe the harde stone staire,
They howlynge, tymblynge goe,
The one wyth hys sworde, the one wyth hys shielde,
And the thyrd wyth hys twangynge bow.

They pickede them uppe, the one hadde got,
bruisedde bleedinge nose;
And one hadde blackedde hys left opticke,
The thyrd hadde torne hys clothes.

And saddlie home they slowlie toildde,
And found a lyonne's skynne;—
"The saynts bee prays'dde," saydde they;
"We may wyth thys renowne yette wynne."

And to this day theyre towns-folke saye,
They were three heroes bolde;
From which 'tis cleare they didde notte heare,
The storie we have tolde.

And he of the sworde is made a lorde,
And he of the shielde a knyghte;
And eke he now of the twangynge bow
Is deck'dde with medalles brighte.

James Lewton-Brain (1854-1922)

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Allegretto

Fanfare of hunting horns
cresc.

S Ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-tan-ta-ra. *

A Ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-tan-ta-ra.

T Ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-tan-ta-ra.

B Ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta - ra, ta-ran-ta-ra.

Allegretto

Piano

* This pause may be absurdly prolonged.

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S *mp* Once up onne a tyme, three dough-tie men, *f* ta-ran-ta-ra, *mp* And one hadde a sworde, and

A *f* ta-ran-ta-ra,

T *f* ta-ran-ta-ra,

B *mp* A hun-tynge they would goe;

Pno. *mp* *f* *mp*

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S one hadde a shielde, *f* ta-ran-ta-ra, *p* ta-ran-ta-ra,

A *f* ta-ran-ta-ra, *p* ta-ran-ta-ra,

T *f* ta-ran-ta-ra, *p* ta-ran-ta-ra,

B And one had a twang-yng bow, *f* And they didde swere a—

Pno. *f* *p*

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S ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta-ra,

A ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta-ra,

T ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, ta - ran - ta-ra,

B so - lemne oathe, To slaye what - e'er they mette, Bee itte ty - gre, parde or —

Pno.

18

S ta - ran - ta-ra, ta-ran - ta-ra, ta-ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, One hadde a

A ta - ran - ta-ra, ta-ran - ta-ra, ta-ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, One hadde a

T ta - ran - ta-ra, ta-ran - ta-ra, ta-ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta-ra, One hadde a

B bold — ly - onne, Bee itte dra - gonne or par - ro - quette. One hadde a

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S
 sworde, ta-ran - ta-ra, one hadde a shielde, ta-ran - ta-ra, And one hadde a twang - ynge

A
 sworde, ta-ran - ta-ra, one hadde a shielde, ta-ran - ta-ra, And one hadde a twang - ynge

T
 sworde, one hadde a shielde, And one hadde a twang - ynge

B
 sworde, one hadde a shielde, And one hadde a twang - ynge

Pno.

24

S
cresc. bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow. *mp* They wan-der'd farre in ye hot coun-trie,

A
cresc. bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

T
cresc. bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

B
cresc. bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow. And mette a queere olde

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29 *f* < > *mp* *f* < >

S ta - ran - ta - ra, To hym they tolde they're hyghe res - solve, ta - ran - ta - ra,

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

B wighte; And how they meant to fyghte. "A

Pno. *f* < > *mp* *f* < >

34 *p* *p* *p*

S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

B beast there bee in a cas - stell_ stronge, Which is bothe neare and nygh, O

Pno. *p*

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S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a

B come there - to and slay.—” There was a — twyn - kelle in hys eye. One hadde a

Pno.

42

S sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a shielde, ta - ran - ta - ra, And one hadde a twang - ynge

A sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a shielde, ta - ran - ta - ra, And one hadde a twang - ynge

T sworde, one hadde a shielde, And one hadde a twang - ynge

B sworde, one hadde a shielde, And one hadde a twang - ynge

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S
bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow. *mp* Grymme and olde was that stronge cas - tell,

A
bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

T
bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

B
bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow. *mp* And

Pno.

50

S
f ta - ran - ta - ra, *mp* Yet fill'd with plucke they alle three stryve,

A
f ta - ran - ta - ra,

T
f ta - ran - ta - ra,

B
darke the colde stone staire; To garde the dang - 'rousse

Pno.

Three Doughtie Men

55

S
ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ra - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta -

A
ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ra - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta -

T
ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ra - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta -

B
reare. On hands and knees they slow - lie - creepe: He opes a - lowe oake

Pno.

59

S
ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta -

A
ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta -

T
ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta -

B
door; Dys - mayde, they liste a - dis - mal squeeke From a ratte - trappe on the

Pno.

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S
ra, ta-ran - ta-ra, One hadde a sworde, ta-ran - ta-ra, one hadde a shielde, ta-ran - ta-ra, And

A
ra, ta-ran - ta-ra, One hadde a sworde, ta-ran - ta-ra, one hadde a shielde, ta-ran - ta-ra, And

T
ra, ta-ran - ta-ra, One hadde a sworde, one hadde a shielde, And

B
floore. One hadde a sworde, one hadde a shielde, And

Pno.

66

S
one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow. Fierce and greate the

A
one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

T
one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

B
one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

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S *f* < > *mp*
sal - vage ratte, ta - ran - ta - ra, With one ac - corde they pale and shrieke,

A *f* < >
ta - ran - ta - ra,

T *f* < >
ta - ran - ta - ra,

B *mp*
Didde make a lepe atte they; And

Pno. *f* < > *mp*

76

S *f* < > *p*
ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

A *f* < > *p*
ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

T *f* < > *p*
ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

B *f*
straight - way flee a - waye, And one, two, three downe the harde stone staire, They

Pno. *f* < > *p*

80

S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

B howl - ynge, tym - blynge goe, The one wyth hys sworde, the one wyth hys shilde, And the

Pno.

84

S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a sworde, one hadde a

B thyrd wyth hys twang - ynge bow. One hadde a sworde, one hadde a

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S
shielde, ta-ran-ta-ra, And one hadde a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow.

A
shielde, ta-ran-ta-ra, And one hadde a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow.

T
shielde, And one hadde a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow.

B
shielde, And one hadde a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow, a twang-ynge bow.

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91

S
They pickede them uppe, the one hadde got, ta-ran-ta-ra, And one hadde black-edde hys

A
ta-ran-ta-ra,

T
ta-ran-ta-ra,

B
A bruis-edde bleed-inge nose;

Pno.

97

S left op - tickke, *f* < > ta - ran - ta - ra, *p* ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

B The thyrd hadde torne hys clothes. And sadd - lie home they slow - lie toildde, And

Pno. *f* < > *p*

102

S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

B found a — ly - onne's skynne;— “The saynts bee prays'dde,” saydde they; “We may wyth

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106

S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, *f* One hadde a sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, *f* One hadde a sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, *f* One hadde a sworde, one hadde a

B thys re - nowne yette wyne." *f* One hadde a sworde, one hadde a

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109

S shielde, ta - ran - ta - ra, *ff* And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

A shielde, ta - ran - ta - ra, *ff* And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

T shielde, *ff* And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

B shielde, *ff* And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

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113 *mp* *f* *mp*

S And to this day theyre towns-folke saye, ta-ran-ta-ra, From which 'tis cleare they

A ta-ran-ta-ra,

T ta-ran-ta-ra,

B *mp* They were three he-roes bolde;

Pno. *mp* *f* *mp*

119 *f* *p* *f* *p*

S didde notte heare, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta-ra,

A ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta-ra,

T ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta-ra,

B *f* The sto-rie we have tolde. And he of the sworde is made a lorde, And

Pno. *f* *p*

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S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra,

B he of the shielde a knighte; And eke he now of the twang - ynge bow Is —

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S ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a

A ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a sworde, ta - ran - ta - ra, one hadde a

T ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, ta - ran - ta - ra, One hadde a sworde, one hadde a

B deck'dde with me - dalles brighte. One hadde a sworde, one hadde a

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131

S
shielde, ta-ran - ta-ra, And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

A
shielde, ta-ran - ta-ra, And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

T
8
shielde, And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

B
shielde, And one hadde a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow, a twang - ynge bow.

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ff *cresc.*

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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.

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