



A Very Bad Cold

**George R. Sturgis
(1848-1928)**

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BASS

B

Now, la - dies and gen - tle - men, lis - ten, I pray, No

B

³ doubt you have of - ten been told. That sing - ers, when called up - on,

B

⁶ al - ways com - plain of hav - ing a ver - y bad cold.

TENOR

T
 8 Our lead - ers, the Bass - es, have spok - en the truth, We be -

T
 11 lieve ev - 'ry word they have said; The ad - age, tho' an - cient, in

T
 14 our case 'tis true, For we have a cold in the head.

CHORUS (*piano ad lib.*)

S
 Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

A
 Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

T
 8 Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

B
 Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

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S cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

A cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

T cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

B cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

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S pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and wesneeze, For we

A pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and wesneeze, For we

T pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and wesneeze, For we

B pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and wesneeze, For we

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S all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

A all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

T all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

B all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

ALTO

A And we are as bad as a Ten - or, or Bass, Our

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A
sing - ing, the fact will dis - close That we are un - fit for a

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A
mu - sic - al race, For we have a cold in the nose.

CHORUS (*piano ad lib.*)

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S
Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

A
Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

T
Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

B
Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

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S
cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

A
cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

T
cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

B
cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

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S pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

A pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

T pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

B pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

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S all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

A all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

T all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

B all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

SOPRANO

S And we, like a Ten - or, and Al - to, and Bass, Ex -

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S cus - es can find for each note; We cough and we sneeze with the

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S great - est of ease, You see, We've a cold in the throat.

CHORUS (*piano ad lib.*)

S Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

A Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

T Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

B Yes, the ad - age is true, as has of - ten been said, We've a

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S cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

A cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

T cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

B cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head; But we'll do all we can in our

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S pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

A pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

T pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

B pow'r to please, But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze, For we

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S all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

A all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

T all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

B all have a ver - y bad cold, Yes, we all have a ver - y bad cold.

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George R. Sturgis (1848-1928) was born in Lincoln County, Ontario, Canada. His family emigrated to Michigan and he grew up near Peck, Michigan. He graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music and became a music teacher. He taught voice, violin and piano, and operated a singing school for many years in Lexington, Michigan. He retired to his previous home at Peck, where he died. He wrote a number of hymns and songs for pedagogical use and compiled a volume of music for singing schools that was published by R. H. Meredith of Chicago.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, listen, I pray,
No doubt you have often been told
That singers, when called upon, always complain
Of having a very bad cold.

Our leaders, the Basses, have spoken the truth,
We believe every word they have said;
The adage, though ancient, in our case 'tis true,
For we have a cold in the head.

*Yes, the adage is true, as has often been said,
We've a cold in the throat, in the nose, in the head;
But we'll do all we can in our power to please,
But you may have to wait till we cough and we sneeze,
For we all have a very bad cold,
Yes, we all have a very bad cold.*

And we are as bad as a Tenor, or Bass,
Our singing, the fact will disclose
That we are unfit for a musical race,
For we have a cold in the nose.

And we, like a Tenor, and Alto, and Bass,
Excuses can find for each note;
We cough and we sneeze with the greatest of ease,
You see, we've a cold in the throat.

Rens. DeGeer (1831-1917)

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