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#### A May Morning.

Buttercups and daisies, Star and meadow grass; amongst the clover Flitting shadows pass.

Bees are gayly humming, Songs of birds declare Summer days are coming, We've no time to spare.

Pretty Robin Redbreast Holds his head so high, Pipes his saucy whistle To the passer-by.

Soon he spies a June bug On the dewy lawn; Oh, how birght his eyes are, Though 'tis hardly dawn!

Jennie Wren is troubled About a building site; How that idle robin Wastes the morning light !

She must have a home nest Sheltered snug from view, Where the boys can't find her; That larch tree near will do.

Such a lively chatter Foretells a busy day; What is more enchanting That a morn in May?

## Peter At The Gate

St. Peter stood guard at the Golden Gate With a solemn mien and air sedate, When up to the top of the golden stair, A man and a woman ascending there Applied for admission; they came and

Before St. Peter so great and good, In hope the city of Peace to win And asked St. Peter to let them in.

The woman was tall and lank and thin With a scraggy beardlet upon her chin. The man was short and thick and stout, His stomach was built so it rounded out. His face was pleasant and all the while He wore a kindly and genial smile. The chorus in the distance the echoes

And the man kept still while the woman spoke.

"Oh, thou who guardest the gate," said "We two come hither beseeching thee, So let us enter the heavenly land,

And play our harps with the angel band. Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt; There's nothing from heaven to bar me I've been to meeting three times a week

And almost always, I'd rise to speak.

I've told the sinners about the day When they'd repent of their evil way. I've told my neighbors, I've told them all 'Bout Adam and Eve and the primal fall. I've shown them all that they'd have to do If they'd pass in with the chosen few. I've marked their path of duty clear, Laid out the plan of their whole career.

I've talked and talked to 'em loud and

For my lungs are good and my voice So, good St. Peter, you'll clearly see, The gate of heaven is open to me : But my old man, I regret to say, Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way. He smokes and swears and grave faults

And I don't know whether he'll pass or

He never would pray, with an earnest vim Or go to revival, or join in a hymn; So I had to leave him in sorrow there, While I with the chosen united in prayer. His grief and weariness had exhausted He ate what the pantry chanced to afford, While I, in my purity, sang to the Lord. And if cucumbers were all he got, It's a chance if he merited them or not.

But Oh! St. Peter, I love him so. To the pleasures of heaven please let him

I've done enough; a saint I've been. Won't that atone? Can't you let him in By my grim gospel, I know 'tis so That the unrepentant must frv below, But isn't there some way you can see That he may enter who's dear to me?

It's a narrow gospel by which I pray, But the chosen expect to find a way
Of coaxing, or fooling or bribing you,
So that their relatives can amble through. And say, St. Peter, it seems to me

This gate isn't kept as it ought to be; You ought to stand right at the opening

And never sit down in that easy chair.

And say, St. Peter, my sight is dimmed, But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed: They're cut too wide, and outward toss; They'd look better narrow, cut straight

Well, we must be going our crowns to win So open. St. Peter, and we'll pass in.

St. Peter sat quiet: stroked his staff, But spite of his office he had to laugh. Then he said with a fiery gleam in his eye, "Who's tending this gateway, you or I?" And then he rose in his stature tall, And pressed a button upon the wall, And said to the imp that answered the

'Escort this lady around to-hades."

The man stood still as a piece of stone; Stood sadly, gloomily, there alone, A life-long settled idea he had That his wife was good, and he was bad. He thought if the woman went down be-

That he would certainly have to go. That if she went to the regions dim, There wasn't a ghost of a show for him.

Slowly he turned, by habit bent To follow wherever the woman went, St. Peter, standing on duty there, Observed that the top of his head was bare.

(MRS. ANNIE DOUGLAS BELL, IN 'WAIF.') He called the gentleman back and said, "Friend how long have you been wed?" "Thirty years," (with a weary sigh)
And then he thoughtfully added, "Why?"

St. Peter was silent, with his head bent

crown, Then seeming a different thought to take, Slowly, half to himself he spake.

Thirty years with that woman there, No wonder the man hasn't any hair. Swearing is wicked, smoke's not good. He smoked and swore, I should think he

Thirty years with that tongue so sharp. Ho! Angel Gabriel! Give him a harp! A jeweled harp with a golden string! Good Sir, pass in where the angels sing. Gabriel, give him a seat above, One with a cushion, up near the throne. Call up some angels to play their best; Let him enjoy the music and rest.

See that on finest ambrosia he feeds. He's had about all the hades he needs. It isn't just hardly the right thing to do To roast him on earth and the future too. They gave him a harp with golden strings, A glittering robe and a pair of wings; And he said as he entered the realms of

Well, this beats cucumbers, anyway. And so the Scriptures had come to pass That "The last shall be first and the first shall be last,"

## HOWJIM SAVED THE HEIRESS.

Overhead a blazing sun; around, as far as the eye could see, the desolate parched waste of the Australian scrub, a plain broken only by a belt of trees to the southeast. To emphasize the loneliness of the scene, one solitary, living creature-a man making his way towards the belt of trees.

The figure of the man was in thorough keeping with the scene. The bowed shoulders, drooping head and slouching gait expressed nothing but despondency or weariness, or both. And appearances were not deceptive, for Jim Leyland-so the man was named-had walked twenty miles under the blazing sun, and had tasted neither food nor drink since he

started. . But it was not to hunger and thirst that his dejected appearance was due. He monotonous plain and of everything else his charge. Therefore it was that he was heedless of all physical discomfort, and that, if he was making his way toward the shelter of the trees, it was with no settled purpose, but merely with the distinct characteristic of all creatures which have

lived some years in the bush.-Jim eventually reached the belt of trees and, having found a convenient sheltered thicket, threw himself on the ground, and in spite of his bitter thoughts, fell asleep. him, and his sleep lasted several hours, and might have lasted longer had not the silence around him been broken by the sound of men's voices. On opening his eyes he found it was almost dark. Then gradually realizing the presence of others Jane, who had been posted on the right near him, he cautiously rose, and, peering side with one of the guns, had fired both through the bushes, he saw a number of barrels without result but as Jim had men, who had just dismounted and were engaged in tethering their horses to the of giving the robbers the idea that the trees at the edge of the wood.

said, he gathered from their talk that they ently succeeded in his object, for the bush were bushrangers, and that they contem- rangers again retreated, uttering curses and plated an attack on Mr. Thompson's farm | threats of vengeance.

on the following day, in conjunction with the mysterious stranger and Hudson, from whom they had learned that the farmer on that day had intended to scour the country round in search of the missing cattle. For this purpose he would take all his men with him, and Miss Devereux and the one maid of the establishment would be left quite alone. The remarks of the scoundrels apropos of the two women were such that Jim had great difficulty in restraining himself from rushing out then and there.

Creeping out of the wood, he advanced cautiously for about a mile, availing himself of whatever shelter there was, and then, striking the track, he hurried on as fast as his weakened condition would allow him. His sufferings during that march were terrible, and many times he was on the point of giving up the attempt but the thought of Miss Devereux's danger spurred him on, and eventually he reached the farm, but not in time to prevent Thompson from setting out in search of his cattle.

Jim, entering the house without ceremony, shut and barred the door, and then turning, confronted Miss Devereux and the maid, whom the noise had brought out into the passage.

"What are you doing here ?" exclaimed the former, as soon as she recognized

him. first Miss Devereux merely looked con- shot to frighted the others and give the meant to leave off. When at length she He raised his hand and scratched bis temptuously at him, but seeing that he signal to the two women, dashed off himwas evidently suffering, she signed to the self at full speed. But his career was maid to bring some. As soon as he had satisfied his thirst she resumed, angrily "And now, what is the meaning of this?

> Why are you here ?" "Bushrangers," answered Jim, who still

> found it difficult to use his tongue. "Nonsense!" said Miss Devereaux, laughing scornfull, " unless you are one." Jim made no reply, but proceeded to shut and bolt the back boor, while the two women looked on amazed.

> Having done this he turned again to Miss Devereux.

"Did your uncle leave any men about this morning?" he asked.

"No!" she replied. "Will you have the kindness to look out of one of the front windows?"

Somewhat against her will she complied and saw two men who had approached to within half a mile of the farm, and had then halted, waiting apparently for their comrades.

"There are two men there," said Miss Devereux," Jim replied, "They will shortly be joined by ten others. I have walked twenty miles during this past night to save you if possible from these men. Whether you believe me or not, will you collect all the firearms in the house? If necessary you can use them against myself; but now I am going to make this place as secure as possible." And Jim thereupon proceeded to put up the thick wooden shutters which protected the

His grave tones were not without their effect on Miss Devereux, and she carried out his directions so far as to collect all the firearms that could be found into the

On looking out again Jim saw that the men had advanced to within half a mile of the house and were already preparing to surround it, two riding off to the right and two to the left. The other eight then commenced riding straight for the house, as though they expected no resistance. was unconscious of the burning heat, the Jim, however, recognizing the men he had seen the night before, and thinking it useexcept the feelings that rankled in his less to wait for them to commence hostilbreast. For Jim was realizing for the ities, no sooner found them within range first time that he was a failure; and, more then he emptied successfully his four barthan that, he was madly in love with a rels into their midst, with the result that girl who treated him as hardly on a level two men were at least disabled, while a with the cattle he had lately had under third was thrown, his horse having been shot in the head

This warm reception checked the ad vance, and the robbers retreated out of range, being shortly rejoined by the other four. After a short deliberation they divided into three parties, one going to the rear of the house, and one to each of the sides. Then at a given signal they commenced riding for the house at full speed, keeping some distance apart, and not advancing in a direct line, but swerving constantly to one side or the other, so as to make it more difficult to aim at them. Jim, who had taken up his position on the left side of the house, succeeded, notwithstanding, in wounding another man, while Miss Devereux shot one of the horses. placed her there merely with the intention house was well garrisoned, he was not Without being able to hear all that was disappointed. At any rate, he had appar-

It was weary work waiting for the darkness, but at length the long afternoon passed, and as soon as it was dusk Jim opened the back door, and, creeping on hands and knees, all three managed to reach the stables without being discovered. On examination Jim found that there were only two horses left, and such sorry looking animals that it was quite out of the question that either of them should carry a double burden. Miss Devereux at first refused absolutely to leave Jim behind, and was for returning to the house, but he had already made up his mind as to his course of action, and even- to manage it for me. Do you know of tually she was obliged to give way.

As soon as they heard a shot fired they were to ride as fast as they could in the direction of Mr. Hughes' ranch, which was

about twelve miles away. As soon as he saw them reach the shed, Jim, taking one of the guns, proceeded to reconnoiter. He could see through the gloom that the robbers had advanced to within 200 yards of the house and were dismounting evidently intending to attack on foot. There was no time to be lost and without paying any further attention to their movements Jim made a short detour and took his way as quickly as was consistent with caution toward their horses. He succeeded in reaching them | Maud, do you mean it?" without being discovered, and having cut soon stopped. A shot brought his horse was not hurt however, and was on his feet again in a moment, running for dear life. But fate was against him, and after a course of about fifty yards Jim fell with a bullet in his shoulder and another in his thigh, and rapidly lost all consciousness.

When Jim recovered consciousness he found himself lying in bed in a darkened room. He gazed around with some surprise-not much, he was to weak for strong emotions-but after a little the room began to seem in some way familiar to him. Where and when had he seen it? Oh! he remembered now. It was Mr. Thompson's room, where he had had a wash-was it yesterday or was it quite a long time ago?

After a time some one entered the room. Through his half-closed eyelids Jim saw Miss Devereux-not Miss Devereux he had known, but a softened and subdued edition of that young lady. He felt no surprise at seeing her; it seemed quite natural, somehow, and he did not want to talk, so he closed his eyes with a feeling of absolute content. Miss Devereux advanced to the bedside, and, laying her cool hand on his forehead, sighed a little, and then went and sat by the window.

"Miss Devereux ?" She was at his side in a moment, with a gagement ring? glad light in her eyes.

"What is it ?" she asked, gently brushing the hair from his forehead.

"How long have I been here?" "Three weeks," she answered, "and we have been very anxious about you; but you are not to talk yet; I will tell you all about it when you are stronger."

"And you have nursed me through it all?" he said, gratefully.

"Well, you see," she answered in a light tone, to aisguise her feelings, " I thought I owed you something. I know all you went through on that day you came back to the farm."

"You know it? How?" "Oh, you told me all about it when you

were unconscious."

anxiously. scrub, and semetimes you cried for water, and always you were praying that you might reach the farm in time to save-it."

"My darling," was the term that Jim had always used, but Miss Devereux perhaps though it was an Australian term for farm, so did not mention it. In a few days he was able to get up and

sit in the garden, and by degrees recovered sufficient strength to go for drives and walks, always accompanied by Miss Devereux, Mr. Thompson, who had learned to love Jim, looking on with a pleased anticipation of what the result would be.

Miss Devereux, I must go." "Go where ?" she asked, innocently.

"Go away." he said, sadly. "Heaven knows how happy I have been kere, but I can't stay long."

"But why not ?" know I love you and that I haven't a the first moment I saw you. But I must be light, durable and reasonable in price. ever used.

go, if only to try and win for myself a position I could ask you to share. Even then I couldn't ask you to wait-it might be years first.

"No." said Maud cheerfully "I shouldn't, like to wait all that time."

Jim thought she was treating him rather cruelly, and was silent.

After a short pause Maud resumed.

"Now, Jim-as it's for the last time, I may call you Jim-listen to me. You know the Hughes' reach, to which I was to escape that night. Well, my uncle advises me to buy it and put someone in anyone, Jim, who would undertake it?" Jim shook his head.

"You don't? I mention it because my uncle though—that perhaps—you would take charge of it for me.".

Jim looked up amazed and gasped, but said nothing.

"There is one littlt difficulty," she continued with a critical air and wrinkling up her pretty forehead, as though considerwhether there were any possible solution of the difficulty, "and that is that whoever takes the farm will have to take-me -along with it.'

Jim was on his knees in a moment, holding her hands and saying. "Oh,

A glance from her eyes was enough and the cords by which they were tethered, in an instant his arms were around her "Water!" was all he could reply. At mounted the last and then, having fired a and he was kissing her as though he never could speak Maud said.

'Jim, dear! do you know you are dreadfully stupid? You might have seen down, and Jim flew over his head. He long ago that I-loved you and not have left it to me to propose.

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