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THE ABSENT MINDED MAN.

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Banjo.

I'm a miser-a-ble be-ing, Un-hap-py is my fate, If you
on-ly pay at-tention, un-to you I'll re-late, Some
of the sad mis-for-tunes, I'll tell you if I can 'Twill
make you all feel sor-ry for the ab-sent mind-ed man. I

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get things all turned up - side down, no mat - ter how I try. If

I am asked to tell the truth, I'm sure to tell a lie; Mis -

takes I'm al - ways mak - ing The rea - son I can't tell, I

tell the doc - tor I am sick when I am real - ly well.

CHORUS.

Oh! my oh! Such a mis - er - a - ble life To

get things muddled up so aw - ful bad..... It's a

ter - ri - ble mis - for - tune to have such a fun - ny head, The mis -

takes I make will some day drive me mad.....

2d Verse.

I'm always making big mistakes I'm hardly ever right—
 And to watch some of my blunders, is a very funny sight;
 I think it's time to go bed, when it is time to rise,
 I often eat the big tin plates, and think I'm eating pies.
 When I retire for the night, I never lock the door,
 I put my coat and shoes in bed, and lay upon the floor;
 I put up my umbrella when the sun is shining bright,
 But when the rain is pouring down, I keep it out of sight.

3d Verse.

When I am speaking to my wife, I often call her "Sam"
 And when I mention baby boy I call him "Mary Ann,"
 And when I borrow money or have a heavy debt
 I am so absent minded that to pay it I forget.
 I often ask "what is my name" also "where I was born."
 And in my happiest moment I feel the most forlorn;
 But there is one thing bothers me and that is who I am,
 Can you tell me if I am myself or any other man?