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THOMAS INGOLDSBY

(Contralto Solo.)

"Look at the Clock ! ' quoth Winifred Pryce, As she open'd the door to her husband's knock,

Then paus'd to give him a piece of advice, "You nasty Warmint, look at the Clock! Is this the way, you Wretch, every day you Treat her who vow'd to love and obey you?-

Out all night! Me in a fright; Staggering home as it's just getting light ! You intoxified brute !--- you insensible block !---Look at the Clock !- Do !- Look at the Clock ! "

CHORUS.

(Soprano and Contralto.)

Winifred Pryce was tidy and clean, Her gown was a flower'd one, her petticoat green, Her buckles were bright as her milking cans, And her hat was a beaver, and made like a man's; Her little red eyes were deep set in their socket-holes, Her gown-tail was turn'd up, and tuck'd through the pocket-holes; A face like a ferret Betoken'd her spirit :

To conclude, Mrs. Pryce was not over young, Had very short legs, and a very long tongue.

CHORUS.

(Tenor and Bass.)

Now David Pryce Had one darling vice; Remarkably partial to anything nice, Nought that was good to him came amiss, Whether to eat, or to drink, or to kiss !

Especially ale - If it was not too stale We really believe he'd have emptied a pail; Not that in Wales They talk of their Ales;

To pronounce the word they make use of might trouble you, Being spelt with a C, two Rs, and a W.

FULL CHORUS.

That particular day, As we've heard people say, Mr. David Pryce had been soaking his clay, And amusing himself with his pipe and cheroots, The whole afternoon, at the Goat in Boots,

With a couple more soakers, Thoroughbred smokers, Both, like himself, prime singers and jokers And, long after day had drawn to a close, And the rest of the world was wrapp'd in repose, They were roaring out "Shenkin !" and "Ar hydd y nos;" While David himself, to a Sassenach tune,

(Tenor Solo.)

Sang, "We've drunk down the Sun, boys! let's drink down the Moon I What have we with day to do?

Mrs. Winifred Pryce, 'twas made for you ! "

FULL CHORUS.

At length, when they couldn't well drink any more, Old "Goat-in-Boots" showed them the door:

And then came that knock. And the sensible shock David felt when his wife cried, "Look at the Clock!" For the hands stood as crooked as crooked might be, The long at the Twelve, and the short at the Three!

DUET.

(Tenor and Contralto.)

Mrs. Pryce's tongue ran long and ran fast; But patience is apt to wear out at last, And David Pryce in temper was quick, So he stretch'd out his hand, and caught hold of a stick; Perhaps in its use he might mean to be lenient, But walking just then wasn't very convenient,

So he threw it, instead, Direct at her head; It knock'd off her hat; Down she fell flat; Her case, perhaps, was not much mended by that: But whatever it was,—whether rage and pain, Produced apoplexy, or burst a vein, Or her tumble induced a concussion of brain, We can't say for certain,—but *this* we can, When sober'd by fright, to assist her he ran, Mrs. Winifred Pryce was as dead as Queen Anne!

CHORUS.

And then came Mr. Ap Thomas, the Coroner, With his jury to sit, some dozen or more, on her.

(Tenor Solo.)

Mr. Pryce to commence His "ingenious defence," Made a "powerful appeal" to the jury's "good sense :" The unlucky lick From the end of his stick

He "deplored,"—he was "apt to be rather too quick ; –-But, really, her prating Was so aggravating :

Some trifling correction was just what he meant; all The rest, he assured them, was "quite accidental!"

CHORUS.

Then he calls Mr. Jones, Who depones to her tones, And her gestures, and hints about "breaking his bones." While Mr. Ap Morgan, and Mr. Ap Rhys

Declared the Deceased Had styled him "a Beast," And swear they had witness'd, with grief and surprise, An allusion she made to his limbs and his eyes.

The jury, in fine, having sat on the body The whole day, discussing the case, and gin toddy, Return'd about half-past eleven at night The following verdict, "We find, Sarve he right!"

CHORUS.

(With Tenor and Contralto Soli.)

Mr. Pryce, Mrs. Winifred Pryce being dead, Felt lonely, and moped; and one evening he said He would marry Miss Davis at once in her stead.

Not far from his dwelling, From the vale proudly swelling, Rose a mountain; it's name you'll excuse me from telling, Its first syllable " PEN," Is pronounceable;—then

Its first syllable "PEN," Is pronounceable;—then Come two L Ls. and two H Hs, two F Fs, and an N, But we shan't have to mention it often, so when We do, with your leave, we'll curtail it to "PEN."

Well—the moon shone bright Upon "PEN" that night, When Pryce, being quit of his fuss and his fright,

Was scaling its side With that sort of stride A man puts out when walking in search of a bride.

Mounting higher and higher, He began to perspire, Till, finding his legs were beginning to tire,

And feeling opprest By a pain in his chest, He paus'd, and turn'd round to take breath, and to rest.

O'er fell, oe'r fen, Over mountain and glen, All bright in the moonshine, his eyes roved, and then All the Patriot rose in his soul, and he thought Upon Wales, and her glories, and all he'd been taught

Of her Heroes of old, So brave and so bold,— Of her Bards with long beards, and harps mounted in gold.

He thought upon Arthur, and Merlin of yore, On Gryffith ap Conan, and Owen Glendour; On Pendragon, and Heaven knows how many more. He thought of all this, as he gazed. in a trice, And on all things, in short, but the late Mrs. Pryce; When a lumbering noise from behind made him start, And sent the blood back in full tide to his heart,

Which went pit-a-pat As he cried out "What's that?"— That very queer sound?— Does it come from the ground Or the air,—from above, - or below.—or around?—

It is not like Talking. It is not like Walking, It's not like the clattering of pot or of pan, Or the tramp of a horse,—or the tread of a man,— Or the hum of a crowd,—or the shouting of boys,— It's really a deuced odd sort of a noise!

While clearer and clearer, 'Twas plain to the hearer, Be the noise what it might, it drew nearer and nearer, And sounded, as Pryce to this moment declares, Very much "like a Coffin a-walking up stairs."

Mr. Pryce had begun To "make up" for a run, As in such a companion he saw no great fun, When a single bright ray Shone out on the way He had passed, and he saw, with no little dismay, Coming after him, bounding o'er crag and o'er rock, The deceased Mrs. Winifred's "Grandmother's Clock!!" 'Twas the very same Head, and the very same Case, And nothing was altered at all—but the Face ! No !—he could not mistake it,—'twas SHE to the life ! The identical face of his poor defunct Wife ! You never did read of, or witness such speed As David exerted that evening,—Indeed All we have ever heard of boys, women or men, Falls far short of Pryce, as he ran over "PEN 1" He reaches its brow,— He has past it, and now Having once gained the summit, and managed to cross it, he Rolls down the side with uncommon velocity;

But, run as he will, Or roll down the hill, That bugbear behind him is after him still! And close at his heels, not at all to his liking, The terrible clock keeps on ticking and striking,

Till, exhausted and sore. He can't run any more, But falls as he reaches Miss Davis's door, And screams when they rush out, alarm'd at his knock, "Oh! Look at the Clock!—Do!—Look at the Clock!!

(Contralto Solo.)

Miss Davis look'd up, Miss Davis looked down, She saw nothing there to alarm her; -a frown

Came o'er her white forehead, She said, "It was horrid A man should come knocking at that time of night, And give her Mamma and herself such a fright;—

To squall and to bawl About nothing at all !" She begg'd "he'd not think of repeating his call :

His late wife's disaster By no means had past her." She'd "have him to know she was meant for his Master!" Then regardless alike of his love and his woes, She turn'd on her heel and she turn'd up her nose.

(Tenor Solo.)

Poor David in vain Implored to remain, He "dared not," he said, "cross the mountain again."

Why the fair was obdurate None knows,—to be sure, it Was said she was setting her cap at the Curate;— Be that as it may, it is certain the sole hole Pryce found to creep into that night was the Coal-hole!

In that shady retreat With nothing to eat,

And with very bruised limbs, and with very sore feet, All night close he kept; I can't say he slept;

But he sigh'd, and he sobb'd, and he groan'd, and he wept; Lamenting his sins, And his two broken shins,

Bewailing his fate with contortions and grins, And her he once thought a complete *Rara Avis*, Consigning to Satan,—viz., cruel Miss Davis !

CHORUS.

(Tenor Solo.)

And "still on each evening when pleasure fills up," At the old Goat-in-Boots, with Metheglin, each cup,

Mr. Pryce, if he's there, Will get into "The Chair," And make all his quondam associates stare By calling aloud to the Landlady's daughter, "Patty, bring a cigar, and a glass of Spring Water!" The dial he constantly watches: and when The long hand's at "XII.," and the short at the "X.,"

He gets on his legs, Drains his glass to the dregs, Take his hat and great coat off their several pegs, With his President's hammer bestows his last knock, And says solemnly, —" Gentlemen !

"LOOK AT THE CLOCK !!!!"

Look at the Clock.

A Weish Rhapsody

for Chorus, Soli (Tenor & Contralto) and Orchestra.

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PRELUDE.









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CHORUS.





























18 33 Con moto. (d = 60 or d = 152) Đ 0 Ð -ti - cu - lar day, As we've heard peo-ple Mis-ter say, 33 -ti - cu - lar day, As we've heard peo-ple say, Mis-ter 33 -ti - cu - lar we've heard peo-ple Mis-ter day. As say,_ 33 -ti - cu - lar day, As we've heard peo-ple say, Mis-ter 33 Con moto. $(\sigma = 60 \text{ or } \sigma = 152)$ P























(Contralto and Tenor Soli.)



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SOLO. (Tenor.)



<u>Nº 8</u>.















FINALE: CHORUS (and Tenor Solo).



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