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IN FOUR ACTS.

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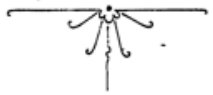
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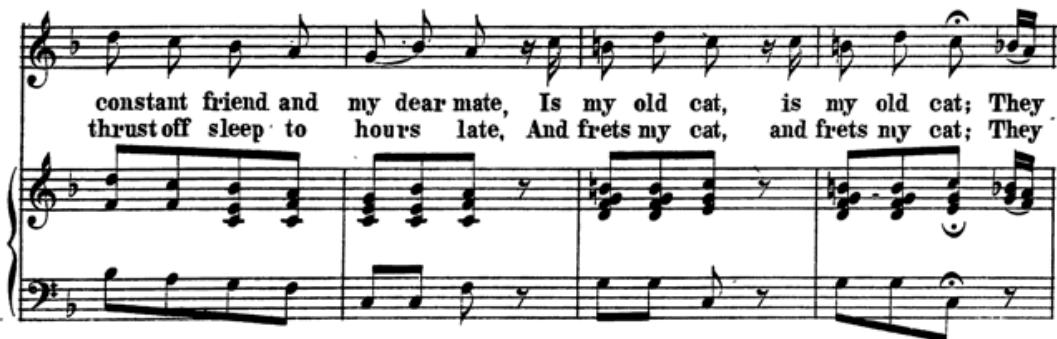
Allegretto.



1. If
2. If



there is a - ny thing I hate, It is a rat, it is a rat, My
there is a - ny thing I hate, It is a rat, it is a rat, That



constant friend and my dear mate, Is my old cat, is my old cat; They
thrust off sleep to hours late, And frets my cat, and frets my cat; They

have such sly de - ceit-ful ways, they have such sly de - ceit-ful ways, These
creep thro' walls and lone-ly halls, they creep thro' walls and lone-ly halls, These

horrid rats, these horrid rats, these horrid rats, these horrid rats, They
dreaded rats, these dreaded rats, these dreaded rats, these dreaded rats, They

squeak and gnaw both day and night, And fight the cats, and
squeak and gnaw both day and night, And fight the cats, and

fight the cats. They
fight the cats. They

eat the bread and cake and cheese, And roam a-bout where e're they please, And
eat the meal and break the jars, De-stroy our hus-bands best ci-gars, And

crusc

gnaw great holes right through the floor. I hate to hear them
scrape and tear now here, now there. I hate to hear them

gnaw the door, I hate to hear them gnaw the door, I hate to hear them
on the stair, I hate to hear them on the stair, I hate to hear them

gnaw the door. My
on the stair,

f f

cat, my cat, my dear old cat, My faithful pret-ty brindle cat, I fear my darling

pus-sy cat, Is in that closet with the rat, Mew, mew, mew, mew, Is

rit. *a tempo.*

in that closet with the rat, Mew, mew, mew, mew, Is in that closet

rit. *rit.*

with..... the rat.

tr *tr* *tr* *rit.*

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rare..... He lurk'd in the leaves of a rose-tree spray, That scent-ed
store..... Each fa-vor-ite blos-som it had its day, But still he

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Fad-ed and yel-low it lies, Tell-ing of
Called from its dreams of de-light, Fond-ly to

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I dwell 'neath skies of beau-ty rare, No storm-cloud mars the

Piano.

p Tranquillo.

scene. But beau-teous bows of prom-ise fair, For me shine all so-

dolce.

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When thou art hap-py, and the world seems glad, When gold-en

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sun-light thro' thy heart, thy heart dis-tills, When mu-sic, born of breeze and nod-ding

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