

CURTAIN

Inside the shop, later that evening — Dusk has fallen and light streams through the window from the street lamp outside.

more *express.*
(*piu espress.*)

Str.
Harp

62

pp

expr.

ppp

pp

Entering gaily, and punctuating his song by banging the shop door and ringing the bell.

As before
(*Come sopra*)
ALBERT

(*very quick and gay d. = 80*)

63

Al - bert the Good!..... Long may he

Shop Bell

sfp

sfp

sfp

poco a poco accel.

Alb.

reign.

To be re - e - lec - ted, and re - se - lec -

sfp

sfp

sfp

lib. - ted, and re-ex-pec - ted, And re-sur-rec - ted a - gain.... and a - gain....

Shop Bell *sfpp*

Str. sfpp

[64] lib. and a - gain and a - gain and again, again, a - gain —

He comes into the shop and shouts —

sfpp *cresc.*

lib. *a tempo* MUM!..... MUM!..... Yoo-hool

ff *sf* *ffz* *p* *pp*

Harp

lib. *rhythmic* [65] (*ritmico*) It's your lit-tle Al- bert, Your su- gar plum Of a pro- di - gal son,

pp *marked*

Hrn. Vc.

Alb.

Clean as a whistle, Sound as a drum, From his Co-ro-na-ti-um!

p cresc.

Heavy (pesante)

He shouts again. *ff* , *molto rall.* *Stu-pid! Stu-pid!*

MUM!

Ob. *pp*

66 Rather quick (*Allegretto*)
simply (*semplice*)

a little animated
(*poco animato*)

She's gone to call on Aunt Eth For a cup of tea and a chat:

Alb.

Str.

pp

più f
 Left me com - ing straight home to bed, But I'm
f

lively
(*virace*)

relaxing
(*rilassando*)

Alb. *dim.*
blowed if I'm ready for that! I'm blowed..... if I'm ready for

f *più p*

più rall.

Alb. *f* *dim.*
that! Dark in here! Must find a match -

f *dim.* *Vc.*

Albert begins searching round the shop for a box of matches.

[67] Alb. *ppp cresc.* *A.Fl.* *f dim.*
And af - ter that we'll light the gas, With en -

B.Cl.

- Slow as before (*Lento come sopra*) (*P=76*)

Alb. *pp sempre* *B.Cl.*
- or - mous care.... not to break the man-tle, Set fire to the shop

Alb. *or cause a scandal!* *Matches?...* *Matches! Matches!*

Alb. *calling sweetly* *p (dolce)* *Swan Ves - tas!* *Swan*

He finds the matches, goes to the gas bracket and fiddles with it.

Alb. *Yes - tas!.....* *Ah!* *That's the chap -*

Alb. *Turn the tap!* *Strike the match like*

69 *more movement* *(più mosso)*

Str. *fpp* *poco f* *e con forza*

He drops the matches and stoops to pick them up.

Alb. *f* this — O drat! Butter fingers! Oop-sa-dai-sy!

Alb. O-open your mouth, Shut your eyes, Strike the match, For a nice sur-

There is a loud BANG! and swoosh of flame from the gas jet.

Alb. — prise —

[70]

molto cresc.

Albert recoils.

Alb. *f* Blast! Dangerous stuff, gas! Smelly, tricky, noi-sy, dangerous stuff!

B.C.I.

He turns the gas hurriedly off.

Alb. - - - - - *p* - - - - - 71 quietly, as before
(*tranquillo* (come sopra))

Leave well a-lone!

A.F.I.

p dim.

pp

espr.

Alb. *pp* Loosening his belt and relaxing comfortably.

Phew! it's hot!

B.C.I.

pp

cheerfully
(*giocoso*)

Belt's too tight for tum.

Alb. *singing*
(*cantabile*) *pp* Relieve my poor... old ab-do-mum.

Loosen it out a notch:

pp

Alb. *f* Golly! What a party! What a party!

Talk of eating

Hn. muted *pppp*

cresc.

sim.

f

(freely)

Alb. *mf cresc.* "Help my-self!" **86** Agitated (*Agitato*) *ff* O go,.....

Nan. *ppp* Ah

Sid *ppp* Ah **86** Agitated (*Agitato*) *ff* Str. (*p*) *fff w.w.*

Alb. Gol.... Go a-way! and leave me here a-lone With doubts and

ff Str. (*fff w.*)

Alb. **87** $\text{♩} = 132$ ter - rors you have ne-ver known!

-p *ff* Strgs. *sim.* *sim.*

bitterly
(amaramente)

Alb. En - joy your evening as you will

W.W.
sfpp sub.

heavy (pesante)

Alb. Kiss..... and hug your fill! em - brace

Hrn.

Alb. un - til the stars spin round..... like Cath-er-ine - wheels

cresc.

Alb. A - gainst the rain -

with force
(con forza)

mf

88

Alb. - - - bow col-oured hills!

Alb. *cresc.* Then hur-ry home at dawn,— Proud of what you've

Alb. done,— Smile,..... smile,..... smile,.....

Alb. to think I slept a - lone!

[89]

Alb. *ff* Nan - cy pi - ties me! Sid laughs!

f *str.* *ffp* *str.* *ff*

w.w. *ffp*

Alb. *Very animated*
(*Animato molto*) *simply*
(*semplice*)

O - thers snigger at my sim - pli - ci - ty -

sf *pp* *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Alb. *p* [89] *p cresc.* Pa -

Of - fer me buns to stay in my cage -

pp *cresc.* *mf* *f* *pp*

Alb. *molto*

- rade me a - round as their white - head - ed boy!

cresc. *mf* *cresc.* *f* *sempre più*

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

Always animated
(*Sempre animato*)

91

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Alb. *ff* "Al- bert the Good!" Al- bert who

ff *Str. pizz.* *w.w. p sust.* *ff* *p*

Alb. Should! Who Has - n't.... and Wouldn't if he Could! Al- bert the

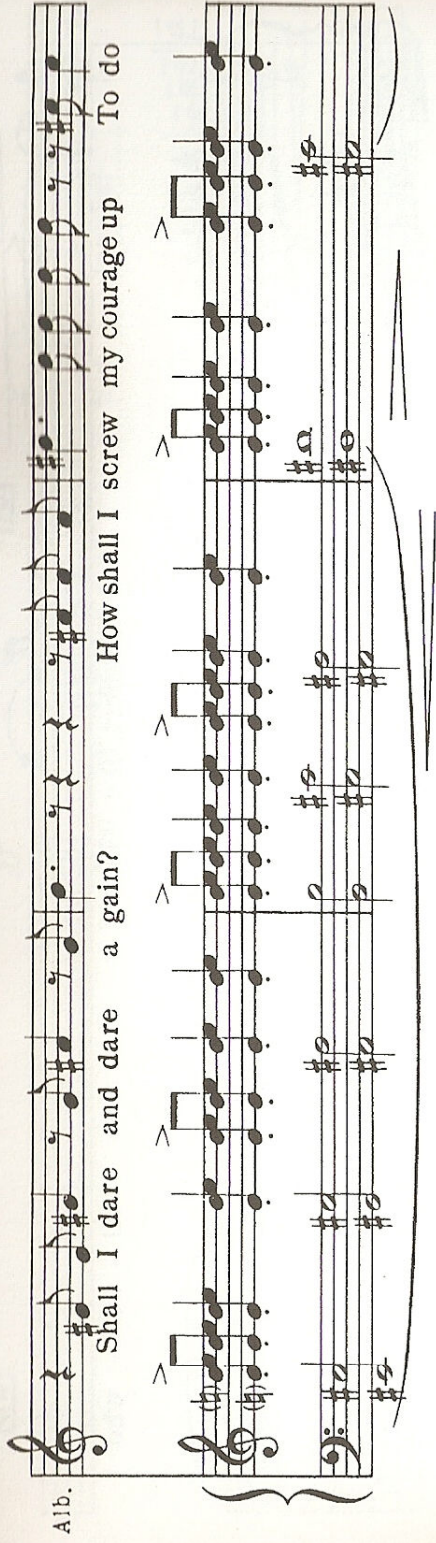
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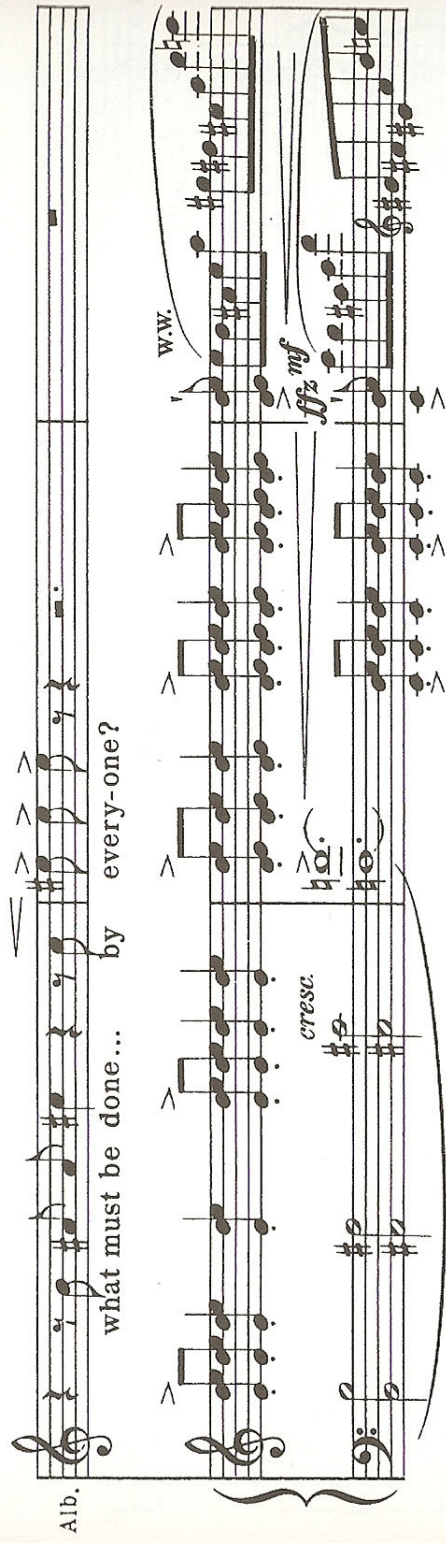
Alb. Meek! Al - bert the Sheep! Missus Herring's guinea-pig! Missus Herring's

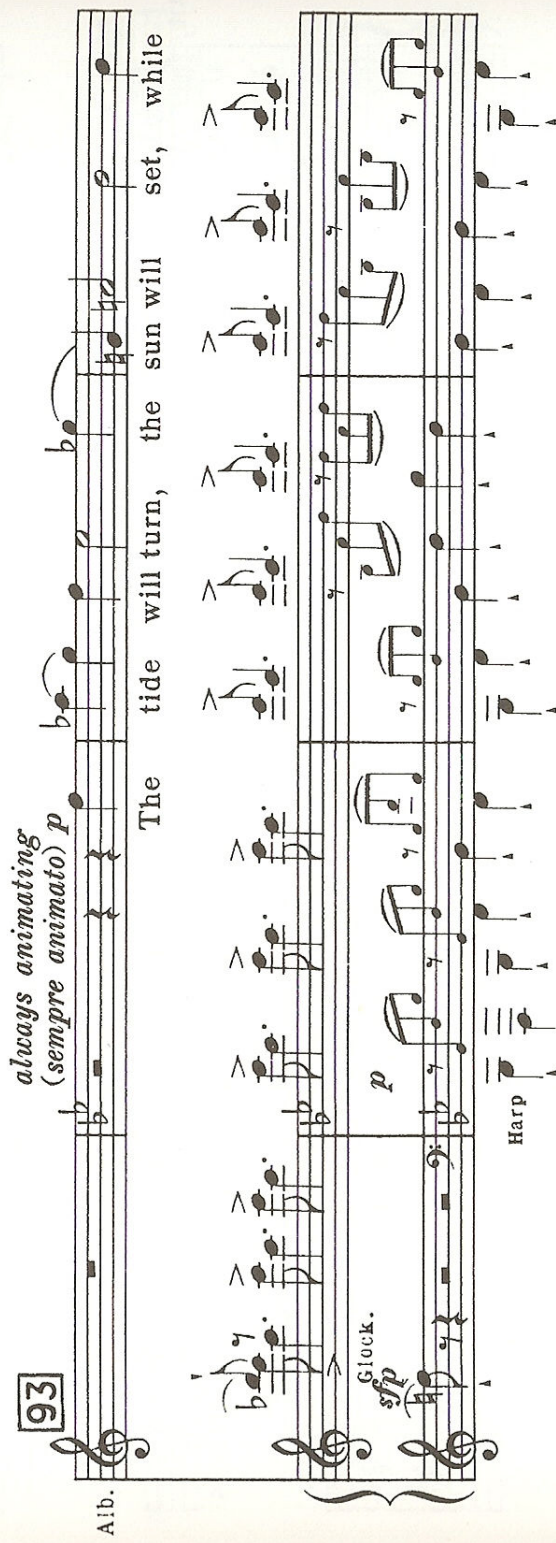
92 *sf* *ff* *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

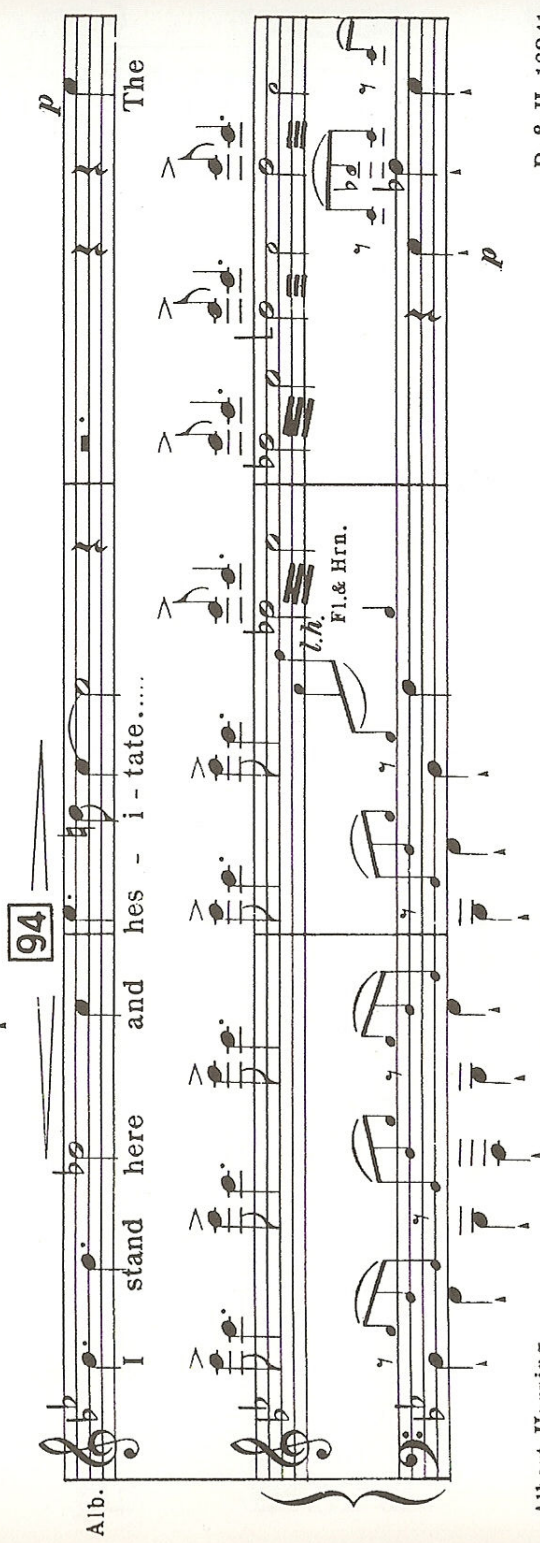
Alb. til - ly-pig! Mis-sus Herring's prig! But when, but when,

meno f *ff* *pp* *w.w.* *pp express.*

Alb. 

Alb. 

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Alb. 

Alb. clock be-gins its rus - ty whirr, Cat-ches its breath

Alb. to strike the hour, *dim.* And of - fers me a

Alb. fi - nal choice that must be ans - wered *No*..... or

95 He hears the clink of coins in his pocket and takes out his purse of sovereigns.

Alb. Yes. Forgotten those! My virgin ransom!