



Grandpa's Spectacles

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(1846-1893)

Stephan Loomer Fish (1846-1893) was born in Palmyra, Wisconsin. [Some records have spelling variants "Stephen" and/or "Lohmer" Fish]. He spent a number of years associated with Horatio Richmond Palmer holding music conventions throughout Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. During last part of his career he taught voice culture, singing and chorus work at Illinois Wesleyan University and was director of the First Presbyterian choir in Bloomington, Illinois. He was also conductor of the Peoria Choral Union. He died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He composed many anthems and part songs, most of them for convention and educational use.

Oh, mamma, what will grandpa do?
He's gone away to heaven,
Without the silver spectacles
That Uncle John had given;
How can he read the papers there,
Or find his hickory staff?
He'll put his coat on wrong side out,
And make the people laugh!

And when he takes the Bible down
And wipes the dusty lid,
He'll never find his spectacles
Within its cover hid;
There won't be any little girl
He likes as well as me,
To run and hunt them up for him
And put them on his knee.

Oh, dear! he'll never find the place
About "the wicked flee,"
And how the bears ate children up,
(That used to frighten me):
So, mamma, if you'll dress me up
Just like an angel bright,
I'll fix our ladder 'gainst the sky
And take them up tonight.

Martha L. Rayne (1836-1911)

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S Oh, — mam - ma, what will grand - pa do? He's gone a - way to heav'n, With -

A Oh, mam - ma, what will grand - pa do? He's gone a - way to heav'n, With -

T Oh, — mam - ma, what will grand - pa do? He's gone a - way to heav'n, With -

B Oh, mam - ma, what will grand - pa do? He's gone a - way to heav'n, With -

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S out the sil - ver spec - ta - cles That Un - cle John had giv'n; How

A out the sil - ver spec - ta - cles That Un - cle John had giv'n; How

T out the sil - ver spec - ta - cles That Un - cle John had giv'n; How

B out the sil - ver spec - ta - cles That Un - cle John had giv'n; How



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S can he read the pa - pers there, Or find his hick - ory staff? He'll

A can he read the pa - pers there, Or find his hick - ory staff? He'll

T can he read the pa - pers there, Or find his hick - ory staff? He'll

B can he read the pa - pers there, Or find his hick - ory staff? He'll

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S put his coat on wrong side out, And make the peo - ple laugh!

A put his coat on wrong side out, And make the peo - ple laugh!

T put his coat on wrong side out, And make the peo - ple laugh!

B put his coat on wrong side out, And make the peo - ple laugh!

S And_ when he takes the Bi - ble down And wipes the dust - y lid, He'll

A And when he takes the Bi - ble down And wipes the dust - y lid, He'll

T And_ when he takes the Bi - ble down And wipes the dust - y lid, He'll

B And when he takes the Bi - ble down And wipes the dust - y lid, He'll

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S
nev - er find his spec - ta - cles With - in its cov - er hid; There

A
nev - er find his spec - ta - cles With - in its cov - er hid; There

T
nev - er find his spec - ta - cles With - in its cov - er hid; There

B
nev - er find his spec - ta - cles With - in its cov - er hid; There

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S
won't be an - y lit - tle girl He likes as well as me, To —

A
won't be an - y lit - tle girl He likes as well as me, To

T
won't be an - y lit - tle girl He likes as well as me, To —

B
won't be an - y lit - tle girl He likes as well as me, To

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S
run and hunt them up for him And put them on his knee.

A
run and hunt them up for him And put them on his knee.

T
run and hunt them up for him And put them on his knee.

B
run and hunt them up for him And put them on his knee.

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S Oh, dear! he'll nev - er find the place A - bout "the wick - ed flee," And

A Oh, dear! he'll nev - er find the place A - bout "the wick - ed flee," And

T Oh, dear! he'll nev - er find the place A - bout "the wick - ed flee," And

B Oh, dear! he'll nev - er find the place A - bout "the wick - ed flee," And

38 S how the bears ate child - ren up, (That used to fright - en me): So,

A how the bears ate child - ren up, (That used to fright - en me): So,

T how the bears ate child - ren up, (That used to fright - en me): So,

B how the bears ate child - ren up, (That used to fright - en me): So,

42 S mam - ma, if you'll dress me up Just like an an - gel bright, I'll

A mam - ma, if you'll dress me up Just like an an - gel bright, I'll

T mam - ma, if you'll dress me up Just like an an - gel bright, I'll

B mam - ma, if you'll dress me up Just like an an - gel bright, I'll

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S
fix our lad - der 'gainst the sky And take them up to - night.

A
fix our lad - der 'gainst the sky And take them up to - night.

T
fix our lad - der 'gainst the sky And take them up to - night.

B
fix our lad - der 'gainst the sky And take them up to - night.

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