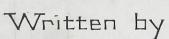
HAD THE OLD NOAH'S ARK GOT WRECKED.

A Nautical Ballao.



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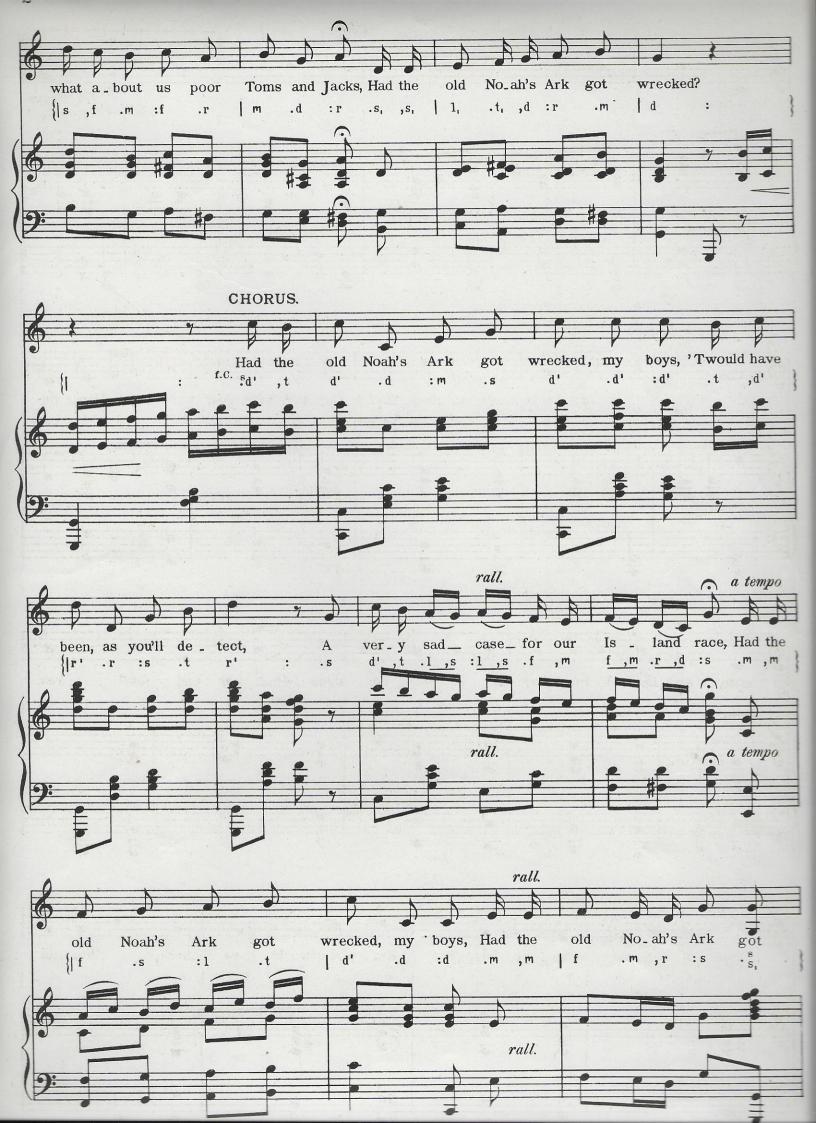
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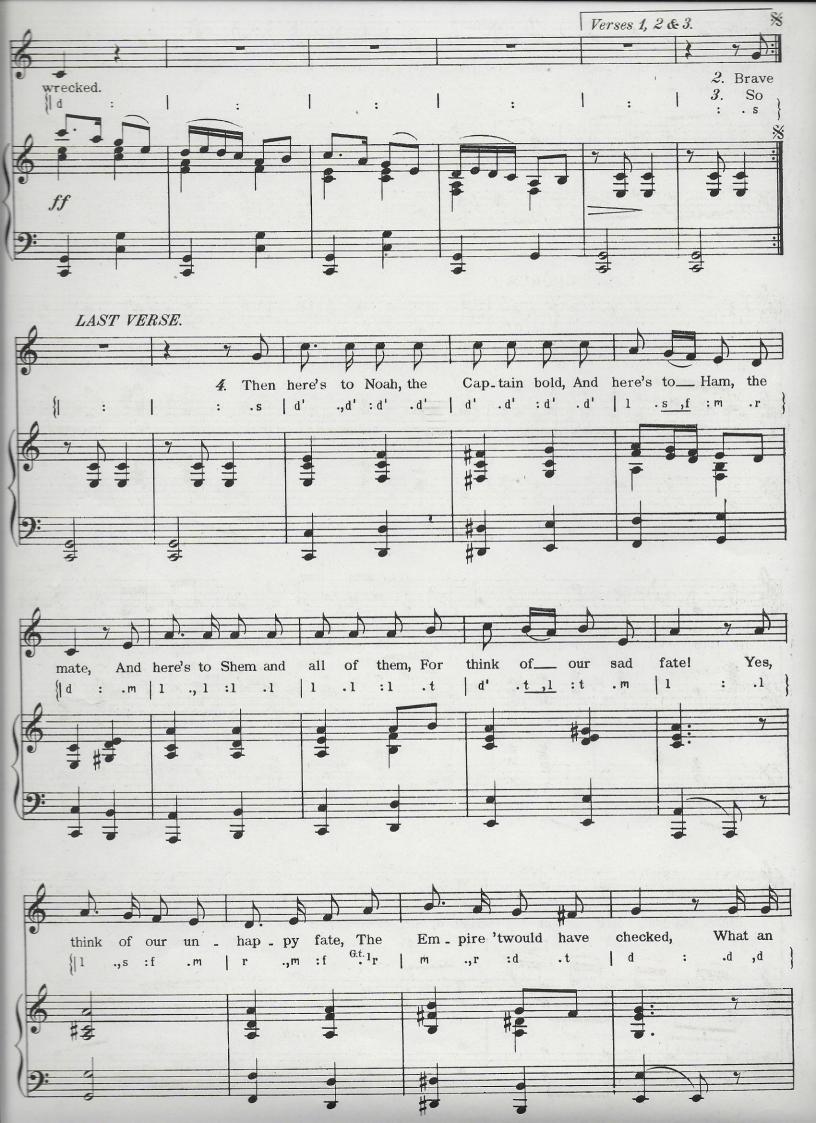
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HAD THE OLD NOAH'S ARK GOT WRECKED









Oh, Captain Noah was a grand old salt,
And he skippered a grand old bark;
He chewed his quid, and sailed, he did,
In command of the good ship "Ark."
So, messmates, hoist your tarry slacks,
And hail him with respect,
For, what about us poor Toms and Jacks,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked?
Chorus.

Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked, my boys,
'Twould have been, as you'll detect,
A very sad case for our Island race,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked, my boys,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked.

Brave Captain Noah, he kept the bridge
In every storm and gale,
And to Shem he bawled, "Let me be called
Whenever you sight a sail."
"Ay ay" says Shem, "Ay ay" says Ham,
For, in nautical dialect,
Shouts Noah, "We're none of us worth a d--n
If the old Noah's Ark gets wrecked!
CHORUS.

"If the old Noah's Ark gets wrecked, my boys,"
Shouts the grand old Ark-itect,
"Why, the beasts" says he, "Will be all at sea,
"If the old Noah's Ark gets wrecked, my boys,
If the old Noah's Ark gets wrecked!"

So Shem and Ham did double watch,
In case the craft got sunk,
While Japhet lay and groaned all day
"Heave Ho!" down in his bunk.
And the beasts, that went in two by two,
All felt the sea's effect,
But, with decks well caulked, Davy Jones she baulked,
And the Ark— did not get wrecked.

Chorus.

Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked, my boys,
Through tempest or neglect,
Why, the British Lion would have gone to Zion,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked, my boys,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked.

Then here's to Noah, the captain bold,
And here's to Ham, the mate,
And here's to Shem and all of them,
For, think of our sad fate.
Yes, think of our unhappy fate,
The Empire 'twould have checked;
What an outlook black for the Union Jack,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked!
CHORUS.

Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked, my boys,
With her cargo all select,
(Heave Ho, with a cheer!) we shouldn't be here,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked, my boys,
Had the old Noah's Ark got wrecked!