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Leggiero (♩ = 140)

Soprano *mf*
There was a croo-ked

Alto *pp*
Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked

Tenor *pp*
Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked

Bass *pp*
Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked

6

S.
man, was once a lit-tle lad, He had-n't an - y mo-ther, he had-n't a - ny

A.
Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Mo - ther Croo - ked

T.
Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Mo - ther Croo - ked

B.
Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Mo - ther Croo - ked

12

S.
dad, He had-n't a - ny home, or a fam-ly tree, Where did he

A.
Da - d Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked

T.
Da - d Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked

B.
Da - d Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked Ma - n Croo - ked

18

S. *p* come from?_ Don't ask me. *f* This li-ttle croo-ked lad

A. *p* Ma - n Don't ask me. *f* This li-ttle croo-ked lad

T. *p* Ma - n Don't ask me. *f* This li-ttle croo-ked lad

B. *p* Ma - n Don't ask me. *f* This li-ttle croo-ked croo-ked la - ad

23

S. grew up to be a man. (One leg_ stopp'd where the o - ther one_

A. grew up to be a man. (One leg stopp'd where the o - ther one_

T. grew up to be a man. (One leg stopp'd where the o - ther one_

B. grew up to be a croo-ked ma - an. (One leg, one leg_ stopp'd where the o -

28

S. — be - gan.) He ho-bbled with a stick for a whole croo-ked

A. — be - gan.) He ho-bbled with a stick for a whole croo-ked

T. — be - gan.) He ho-bbled with a stick for a whole croo-ked

B. -ther be - gan.) He ho-bbled with a croo-ked sti-ick for a whole croo-ked,

33

S. mile, and found a croo-ked six - pence u - pon a croo-ked stile.

A. mile, and found a croo-ked six - pence u - pon a croo-ked stile.

T. mile, and found a croo-ked six - pence u - pon a croo-ked stile.

B. croo-ked mile, and he found a croo-ked six - pence u - pon a croo-ked stile.

38

S. *mf* He ran and then a - tin - kle went the bell.

A. *mf* He ran and then a - tin - kle went the bell.

T. *mf* He ran to a shop and a - tin - kle_ went the bell, "Good

B.

43

S. "Good mor - ning Mis - ses."

A. "Good mor - ning Mis - ses." "I've can - dy and a bar - row

T. mor - ning to you Mis - ses and what do you sell?"

B. "I've can - dy and a bar - row

49

S. and a black silk hat." "None of those thank you"

A. and a black silk hat." "None of those thank you"

T. and a black silk hat." "I'll buy a croo-ked

B.

55

S. He bought a croo-ked cat and it

A. "a croo-ked cat." He bought a croo-ked cat and it

T. cat." He bought a croo-ked cat and it

B. "a croo-ked cat." He bought a croo-ked

f

60

S. caught a croo-ked mouse, pi-tter pa-tter down the gu-tter of an

A. caught a croo-ked mouse, pi-tter pa-tter down the gu-tter of an

T. caught a croo-ked mouse, pi-tter pa-tter down the gu-tter of an

B. cat and it caught a croo - ked mouse, pi-tter pa-tter down the gu-tter of an

64

S. old farm house. "Be friends with me mou-sie, there's no harm

A. old farm house. "Be friends with me mou-sie, there's no harm

T. old farm house. "Be friends with me mou-sie, there's no harm

B. old farm house. "Be friends with me mou-sie, there's no harm

69 *rit.* (solo) *p rit.*

S. meant, for we're all of us croo-ked h-ere but me, and I'm be - nt." *gliss.*

A. meant, for we're all of us croo-ked h-ere"

T. meant, for we're all of us croo-ked h-ere" "mmmmeeeee - ow"

B. meant, for we're all of us croo-ked h-ere"

74 **A tempo f**

S. They jogged a - long to - ge-ther, But they could-'nt keep in step. "Right

A. *f* They jogged a - long to - ge-ther, But they could-'nt keep in step. "Right

T. *f* They jogged a - long to - ge-ther, But they could-'nt keep in step. "Right

B. *f* They jogged a - long to - ge-ther, But they could-'nt keep in step. "Right

79

S. turn!" said the croo - ked ma - an, _____ and they turned right to the left. But

A. turn!" said the croo - ked man, _____ and they turned right to the left. _____ But

T. turn!" said the croo - ked ma - an, _____ and they turned right to the left. But

B. turn!" said the croo - ked man, _____ and they turned right to the left. But

83 **rit.**

S. he brought them at last to a li - ttle croo - ked

A. he brought them at last to a li - ttle croo - ked

T. he brought them at last to a li - ttle croo - ked

B. he brought them at last to a li - ttle croo - ked

86 **rit.** **rit.**

S. house, _____ and he lived there for - e - ver with the pu - ssy and the

A. house, _____ and he lived there for - e - ver with the pu - ssy and the

T. house, _____ and he lived there for - e - ver with the pu - ssy and the

B. house, _____ and he lived there for - e - ver with the pu - ssy and the

Speaker:

There was a croo-ked man and he walked a croo-ked mile,
And he found a croo-ked sixpence upon a croo-ked stile,
He bought a croo-ked cat and it caught a croo-ked mouse,
And they all lived together in a little croo-ked house.

90

S.
mou - s* - - - - e.

A.
mou - s* - - - - e.

T.
8 mou - s* - - - - e.

B.
mou - s* - - - - e.

* a soft hissing sound