

A Muvver

trad., pre 1930

arr. John R. Coward

Alto
A muv - er wuz barf - in' 'er bai - by one night, The young-est of ten, an' a

Tenor
A muv - ver wuz barf - in' 'er bai - by one night, The young-est of ten, an' a

Baritone
A muv - ver wuz barf - in' 'her bai - by one night, The young-est of ten, an' a

Bass
A muv - ver wuz barf - in' 'er bai - by one night, The young-est of ten, an' a

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A. poor li' - le mite; The muv - ver wuz poor and the bai - by wuz fin, On - ly a skel - ing - ton

T. poor li' - le mite; The muv - er wuz poor an' the ba - by wuz fin, On - ly a skel - ing - ton

Bar. poor li' - le mite; The muv - ver wuz poor an' the bai - by was fin, On - ly a skel - ing - ton

B. poot li - 'le mite; The muv - ver wuz poor an' the bai - by wuz fin, On - ly a skel - ing - tov

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A. cov - er'd wiv skin. The muv - ver turn'd rahnd for the soap on the rack, 'Twas


T. cov - er'd wiv skin. The muv - ver turn'd rahnd for the soap on the rack, 'Twas


Bar. cov - er'd wiv skin. The muv - ver turn'd rahnd for the soap on the rack, 'Twas


B. cov - er'd wiv skin. The muv - ver turn'd rahnd for the soap on the rack, 'Twas


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A.  on - ly a mo - ment, Bu' when she look'd back 'Er bai - by wuz gorn, an' in


T.  on - ly a mo - ment, Bu' when she look'd back 'Er bai - by wuz gorn, an' in


Bar.  on - ly a mo - ment, Bu' when she look'd back 'Er bai - by wuz gorn, an' in


B.  on - ly a mo - ment, Bu' when she look'd back 'Er bai - by wuz gorn, an' in

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A.  an - guish she cried: "O where is my bai - by?" The an - gels re - plied: Yer


T.  an - guish she cried: "O where is my bai - by?" The an - gels re plied: Yer


Bar.  an - guish she cried: "O where is my bai - by?" The an - gels re plied: Yer


B.  an - guish she cried: "O where is my bai - by?" The an - gels re - lied: Yer

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A.  bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, yer bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug, The

T.  bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, yer bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug, The

Bar.  bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, yer bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug, The

B.  bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, yer bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug, The

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A. poor li - 'le fing wuz so skin-ny an' fin 'E ort to've been barf'd in a jug. Yer

T. poor li - 'lt fing wuz so skin-ny an' fin 'E ort to've been barf'd in a jug. Yer

Bar. poor li - 'le fing wuz so skin-ny an' fin 'E ort to've been barfed in a jug. Yer

B. poor li - 'le fing wuz so skin-ny an' fin 'E ort to've been barfed in a jug. Yer

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A. bai - by is per-fek - ly 'app-y, 'E won't need no barf an - y more, Yer

T. bai - by is per-fek - ly 'app-y, 'E won't need no barf an - y more; Yer

Bar. bai - by is per-fek - ly 'app-y, 'E won't need no barf an - y more; Yer

B. bai - by is per-fec - ly 'app-y, 'E won't need no barf an - y more; Yer

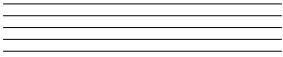
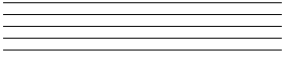
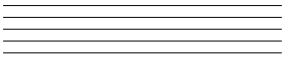
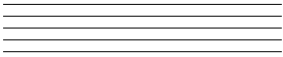
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A. bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, Not lawst bu' gorn be - fore.

T. bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, Not lawst, bu' gorn be - fore.

Bar. bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, Not lawst, bu' gorn be - fore.

B. bai - by 'as gorn dahn the plug-'ole, Not lawst, bu' gorn be - fore.



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The lyrics in this piece have been given in a Cockney dialect, which is the way it should be sung. Here are the lyrics in standard English, to help understand them:

A mother was bathing her baby one night,
The youngest of ten, and a poor little mite.
The mother was poor, and the baby was thin -
Only a skeleton covered with skin.
The mother turned round for the soap on the rack,
'Twas only a moment, but when she looked back
Her baby was gone! And in anguish she cried:
"O where is my baby?" The angels replied:
Your baby has gone down the plug-hole,
Your baby has gone down the plug.
The poor little thing was so skinny and thin
He ought to have been bathed in a jug.
Your baby is perfectly happy -
He won't need no bath any more.
Your baby has gone down the plug-hole,
Not lost, but gone before.