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The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 64. It features four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a Piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Some - bo - dy said that it could - n't be done, But he with a chuc - kle re - plied That 'may - be it could - n't,' but he with a chuc - kle, but he with a chuc - kle, That 'may - be it could - n't,' 'but he with a chuc - kle re - plied That 'may - be it could - n't,' but". The piano part includes dynamic markings of *f* and *p*.

7

S
he would be one Who would-n't say so till he'd tried. So he

A
he would be one Who would-n't say so till he'd tried. So he

T
8
he would be one Who would-n't say so till he'd tried.

B
he would be one who would-n't say so till he'd tried, till he'd tried.

Pno.

10

S
buc - kled right in with the trace of a grin On his face. If he wor-ried he

A
buc - kled right in with the trace of a grin On his face. If he wor-ried he

T
8
buc - kled right in, trace of a grin On, On his face. If he wor-ried he

B
with a trace of a grin. If he wor-ried he

Pno.

13

S
hid it. He start - ed to sing as he tac - kled the thing That

A
hid it, hid it. start - ed to sing as he tac - kled the thing That

T
8
hid it, hid it. start - ed to sing as he tac - kled the thing That

B
hid it, hid it. start - ed to sing as he tac - kled the thing That

Pno.

16

S
could - n't be done, and he did it. Some - bo - dy scoffed: "Oh, you'll

A
could - n't be done, and he did it. Some - bo - dy scoffed: "Oh, you'll

T
8
could - n't be done, and he did it. Some - bo - dy scoffed "Oh, you'll

B
could - n't be done, and he did it. Some - bo - dy scoffed "Oh, you'll

Pno.

19

S
ne - ver do that; At least no one e - ver has done it''; But he

A
ne - ver do that; At least no one e - ver has done it''; But he

T
8
ne - ver do that; At least no one e - ver has done it'';

B
ne - ver do that; At least no one e - ver has done it'';

Pno.

22

S
took off his coat and he took off his hat, And the first thing we knew he'd be -

A
took off his coat and he took off his hat, And the first thing we knew he'd be -

T
8
took off his coat took off his hat, And first thing we knew he'd be -

B
and he took off his hat, first thing we knew he'd be -

Pno.

25

S
gun it. With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin, With -

A
gun it. With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin, With -

T
gun it. With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin, With -

B
gun it. With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin, With -

Pno.

28

S
out an - y doubt - ing or quid - dit, He start - ed to sing and he

A
out an - y doubt - ing or quid - dit, start - ed to sing and he

T
out an - y doubt - ing or quid - dit, start - ed to sing and he

B
out an - y doubt - ing or quid - dit, start - ed to sing and he

Pno.

31

S
tac - kled the thing That could - n't be done, and he did it. There are

A
tac - kled the thing That could - n't be done, and he did it.

T
tac - kled the thing That could - n't be done, and he did it.

B
tac - kled the thing That could - n't be done, and he did it.

Pno.

34

S
thou - - - sands to tell you it can - - - not be

A
thou - - - sands to tell you it can - - - not be

T
thou - - - sands to tell you it can - - - not be

B
thou - - - sands to tell you it can - - - not be

Pno.

37

S
done, *There are* thou - sands to pro - phe - sy

A
done, thou - sands to pro - phe - sy

T
done, thou - sands to pro - phe - sy

B
done, thou - sands to pro - phe - sy

Pno.

40

S
fail - ure: *There are* thou - sands to point out to

A
fail - ure; *There are* thou - sands to point out to

T
fail - ure; *There are* thou - sands to point out to

B
fail - ure; *There are* thou - sands to point out to

Pno.

43

S
you one by one, The dan - - - gers that

A
you one by one, The dan - - - gers that

T
you one by one, The dan - - - gers that

B
you one by one, The dan - - - gers that

Pno.

46

S
wait to as - sail you. But just buc - kle in with a

A
wait to as - sail you. buc - kle in with a

T
wait to as - sail you. buc - kle in,

B
wait to as - sail you. with a

Pno.

49

S
bit of a grin, Just take off your coat and go do it; Just start in to sing as you

A
bit of a grin, take off your coat and go do it, do it; start in to sing as you

T
bit of a grin, take off your coat and go do it, do it; start in to sing as you

B
bit of a grin, take off your coat and go do it, do it; start in to sing as you

Pno.

53

S
tac-kle the thing That "can-not be done," and you'll do it, do it.

A
tac-kle the thing That "can-not be done," and you'll do it, do it, do it.

T
tac-kle the thing That "can-not be done," and you'll do it, do it, do it.

B
tac-kle the thing That "can-not be done," and you'll do it, do it, do it.

Pno.

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff