

The Bumblebee

for SA Voices with Keyboard Accompaniment

James Whitcomb Riley
(1849-1916)

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♩ = ca. 96

Soprano/
Alto

fp *f*

Oh! You bet - ter not fool with a bum - ble - bee!

Piano

mp *f*

5

Ef you don't think they can sting you'll see!

9

They're laz - y to look at, an' kind_ o' go

13

S
Buz - zin' an' bum - in' a - round

A
Buz - zin' an' bum - in' a - round

17

so slow, An'

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21

ac' so slouch - y an' all tired out,* Dang - lin' their legs as they drone a - bout The

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*ac': act,
"slouchy and all fagged out": slumping, exhausted (the composer has chosen to substitute the word "tired")

25

f hol - ly - hawks 'at they can't climb in 'Ith - out*ist a - tum - ble - un out a - gin! *p*

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f *p*

29

mf Wunst** I

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p (echo) *mf*

33

watched one climb clean 'way In a *mp*

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mp

* "Ithout ist a-tumble-un out ag'in!" : Unless (without) just tumbling out again
 ** "Wunst" : once

37

jim - son blos - som* I did one day, An'

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41

I ist grabbed it an' nen let go An'

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45 *ff*

"Ooh ooh! Hon - ey I told ye

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* "jimson-blossom" : jimsonweed-a poisonous member of the nightshade family with big, trumpet-like flowers.

49

mf

so!" Says the Rag - ged - y Man*; an' he ist run An'

mf

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mp

53

f

a little slower

mf 3

pullt out the sting - er an' don't laugh none, an' says: "They has be'n folks, I

f

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f

a little slower

mf 3

57

guess, 'At thought I wuz pred - ju - dust, more er less, Yit

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* "Raggedy Man" : one of Riley's Hoosier characters, the helping hand who dresses poorly but entertains the children wisely and kindly.

61 *f a tempo*

I still mun - tain 'at a Bum - ble - bee Wears out his wel - come too

f a tempo

I still mun - tain* 'at a Bum - ble - bee Wears out his wel - come too

f a tempo

64

quick fer me!"

quick fer me!"

p (echo)

67 *rall. unis. fp*

So! _____

f a tempo

You bet - ter not fool with a

rall. mp

f a tempo

* "muntain" : maintain

70

bum - ble - bee!

73

Ef you don't think they can sting

S

A

you'll

77

div. you'll see! you'll see!

you'll see! you'll see!

ff

see! you'll see!

ff