



# **The Pigtail**

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**(1864-1904)**

**Frederick Field Bullard** (1864-1904) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study chemistry, but changed his plans to pursue music. He studied composition and organ with Josef Rheinberger in Munich, Germany, for four years, then settled in Boston as a teacher of composition and composer. For a time, he was music critic for the publication "Time and the Hour." His compositions include a series of Easter and Christmas cantatas, part songs, pieces for glee clubs, songs, duets, anthems, church songs, and hymns. He died in Boston.

### **A Tragic Story**

There lived a sage in days of yore,  
And he a handsome pigtail wore;  
But wondered much and sorrowed more,  
Because it hung behind him.

He mused upon this curious case,  
And swore he'd change the pigtail's place,  
And have it hanging at his face,  
Not dangling there behind him.

Says he, "The mystery I've found -  
Says he, "The mystery I've found!  
I'll turn me round," - he turned him round;  
But still it hung behind him.

Then round and round, and out and in,  
All day the puzzled sage did spin;  
In vain - it mattered not a pin -  
The pigtail hung behind him.

And right and left and round about,  
And up and down and in and out  
He turned; but still the pigtail stout  
Hung steadily behind him.

And though his efforts never slack,  
And though he twist and twirl, and tack,  
Alas! Still faithful to his back,  
The pigtail hangs behind him.

Adelbert von Chamisso (1781-1838)

Translated by William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)

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*Andante con brio*

S There lived a sage in days of yore, And he a hand - some

A There lived a sage in days of yore, And he a hand - some

T There lived a sage in days of yore, And he a hand - some

B There lived a sage in days of yore, And he a hand - some

S pig - tail wore; But won - dered much and sor - rowed more Be -

A pig - tail wore; But won - dered much and sor - rowed more Be -

T pig - tail wore; But won - dered much and sor - rowed more Be -

B pig - tail wore; But won - dered much and sor - rowed more Be -



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S cause it hung be - hind him. He mused up - on this cu - rious

A cause it hung be - hind him. He mused up - on this cu - rious

T cause it hung be - hind him. He mused up - on this cu - rious

B cause it hung be - hind him.

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S case, And vowed he'd change the pig - tail's

A case, And vowed he'd change the pig - tail's

T case, And vowed he'd change the pig - tail's

B He mused up - on this cu - rious case,

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S place,

A place,

T place, And have it hang - ing at his

B And vowed he'd change the pig - tail's place,

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S *f* Not dang - ling there

A *f* And have it hang - ing at his face, Not dang - ling

T face,

B

16

S be - hind him, Not there be -

A there be - hind him, Not there be -

T Not dang - ling there be - hind him, Not there be -

B Not dang - ling there be - hind him, Not there be -

19

S *f* hind him. *p* La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

A *f* hind him. *p* La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T *f* hind him. *p* La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B *f* hind him. *mf* Says he, "The mys - ter - y I've found! I'll

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S  
la, la, la, la, He turned him round;

A  
la, la, la, la, He turned him round; But still it

T  
la, la, la, la, He turned him round; But still it hung, but

B  
turn me round," - He turned him round; But still it hung, but

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S  
But still it hung be - hind him. Then round and round, and

A  
hung, it hung be - hind him. Then round and round, and

T  
still it hung be - hind him. Then round and round, and

B  
still it hung be - hind him. Then round and round, and

28

S  
out and in, All day the puz - zled sage did spin; In

A  
out and in, All day the puz - zled sage did spin; In

T  
out and in, All day the puz - zled sage did spin; In

B  
out and in, All day the puz - zled sage did spin; In

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S vain - it mat - tered not a pin - The pig - tail hung be -

A vain - it mat - tered not a pin - The pig - tail hung be -

T vain - it mat - tered not a pin - The pig - tail hung be -

B vain - it mat - tered not a pin - The pig - tail hung be -

34

S hind him. And right and left and round a -

A hind him. And right and left and round a -

T hind him. And right and left and round a -

B hind him.

36

S bout, And up and down and in and

A bout, And up and down and in and

T bout, And up and down and in and

B And right and left and round a - bout,

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38

S out,

A out,

T out, *f* He turn'd, but still the pig - tail

B *f* And up and down and in and out,

40

S *f* Hung dang - ling there \_\_\_\_\_

A *f* He turn'd, but still the pig - tail stout Hung dang - ling

T stout

B

42

S \_\_\_\_\_ be - hind him,

A there \_\_\_\_\_ be - hind him,

T Hung dang - ling there \_\_\_\_\_ be - hind him,

B Hung dang - ling there be - hind him,

44

S *p* Hung there be - hind him. *f* *p* La, la, la, la,

A *p* Hung there be - hind him. *f* *p* La, la, la, la,

T *p* Hung there be - hind him. *f* *p* La, la, la, la,

B *p* Hung there be - hind him. *f* *p* And though his ef - forts *mf*

47

S la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B nev - er slack, And though he twist, and

49

S *mf* And twirl, and tack,

A *mf* And twirl, and tack, *f* The pig - tail

T *mf* And twirl, and tack, *f* The pig - tail turns, The

B *f* twirl, and tack, The pig - tail turns, The

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51 *f* *rit.* *Poco lento* *p*

S The pig - tail turns be - hind him. Mmm\* Mmm

A turns, it turns be - hind him. Mmm\* Mmm

T pig - tail turns be - hind him. Mmm\* Mmm

B pig - tail turns be - hind him. Mmm\* Mmm

54 *a tempo*

S Mmm A -

A Mmm A -

T Mmm A -

B Mmm A -

57

S las! still faith - ful to his back, The pig - tail hangs, The

A las! still faith - ful to his back, The pig - tail hangs, The

T las! still faith - ful to his back, The pig - tail hangs, The

B las! still faith - ful to his back, The pig - tail hangs, The

\* Humming with closed lips

60

S  
pig - tail hangs be - hind, be - hind him!

A  
pig - tail hangs be - hind, be - hind him!

T  
pig - tail hangs be - hind, be - hind him!

B  
pig - tail hangs be - hind, be - hind him!

*ff* *f* *rit.* *Presto*

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