

# THE CRIMINAL CRIED

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1. The crim - in - al cried, as he dropp'd him down, In a state of wild a-larm—  
 2. He shiv - er'd and shook as he gave the sign For the stroke he did-n't de-serve,  
 3. Now tho' you'd have said that head was dead (For its own - er dead was he),

With a fright - ful, fran - tic, fear - ful frown I bared my big right arm.  
 When all of a sud-den his eye met mine, And it seem'd to brace his nerve,  
 It stood on its neck with a smile well bred, And bow'd three times to me!

I seiz'd him by his lit - tle pig - tail, And on his knees fell  
 For he nod-ded his head and kiss'd his hand, And he whis-tled an air, did  
 It was none of your im-pu-dent off - hand nods, But as hum - ble as could

he, As he squirm'd and strug - gled And gur - gled and gur - gled, I  
 he, As the sa - bre true Cut clean - ly through His  
 be, For it clear - ly knew The def - er - ence due To a

drew my snick - er snee, my snick - er snee! Oh  
 cer - vi - cal ver - te - bræ, his ver - te - bræ! When a  
 man of ped - i - gree, of ped - i - gree! And it's

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ne'er shall I For - get the cry, Or the shriek that shriek - ed he, As I  
 man's a - fraid A beau - ti - ful maid Is a cheer - ing sight to see; And it's  
 oh, I vow, This death - ly bow Was a touch - ing sight to see; Though

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gnash'd my teeth, When from its sheath I drew my snick - er - snee!—  
 oh, I'm glad, That mo - ment sad Was sooth'd by sight of me!—  
 trunk - less, yet It could - n't for - get The def - er - ence due to me!—

We know him well, He can - not tell Un - true or ground - less tales.  
 Her ter - ri - ble tale You can't as - sail, With truth it quite a - grees;  
 The haugh - ty youth He speaks the truth When - ev - er he finds it pays,

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He al - ways tries To ut - ter lies, And ev - 'ry time he fails.  
 Her taste ex - act For fault - less fact A - mounts to a dis - ease.  
 And in this case It all took place Ex - act - ly as he

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says! Ex - act - ly, ex - act - ly, ex - act - ly, ex - act - ly as he says!—