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POOR-HOUSE

SONG AND CHORUS.

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1. What?
2. Ah
3. It's

no! it can't be that they've driv-en Their fa-ther, so help-less and
me! on that old door-step yon-der, I've sat with my babes on my
long years since my Mary was tak-en, My faith-ful, af-fec-tion-ate

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old, (Oh, God, may their crime be for - giv - en,)..... To
 knee, No fa - ther, was hap - pier or fon - der..... Than
 wife; Since then I'm for - lorn and for - sak - en,..... And the

per - ish out here in the cold..... Oh Heavens, I am sadden'd and
 I of my lit - tle ones three..... The boys, both so ro - sy and
 light has died out of my life..... The boys grew to man-hood; I

wea - ry, See the tears how they course down my cheeks! Oh, this world it is lone - ly and
 chub - by, And Li - ly with prat - tle so sweet! God knows how their fa - ther has
 gave them A deed for the farm! aye, and more, I gave them this house they were

CHORUS.

drea-ry,..... And my heart for re-lief vain-ly seeks..... For I'm
loved them,..... But they've driv-en him out in the street,.....
born in!..... And now I'm turned out from its door.....

old, and I'm help-less and fee-ble, The days of my youth have gone by;..... Then

o-ver the hill to the poor house, I wan-der a-lone there to die,.....

4 Oh, children! loved children! yet hear me,
I have journeyed along on life's stage;
With the hope that you all would be near me,
To comfort and cheer my old age:
My life-blood I'd gladly have given,
To shield and protect you! but hark!
Though my heart breaks, I'll say it's you've driven
Me out here to die in the dark.—Cho.

5 But, perhaps, they'll live happier without me;
Farewell, dear old home, ah! farewell,
Each pathway and tree here about me,
Some memory precious can tell:
Well! the flowers will bloom bright as ever,
And the birds sing as sweet to the morn;
Then over the hill from the poor house,
Next Spring the old man shall be borne.—Cho.

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