

MY GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

Henry Clay Work (1876)

John to start tic toc tic toc tic toc tic

My [D] Grandfather's [A] clock was too [D] large for the [G] shelf
So it [D] stood 90 [A] years on the [D] floor
It was [D] taller by [A] half than the [D] old man him-[G]self
Tho' it [D] weighed not a [A] pennyweight [D] more
It was [D] bought on the morn, of the [G] day that he was [D] born
And was [D] always his treasure and [A] pride
But it [D]↓ stopped – [A]↓ short – [D] never to go a-[G]gain
When the [D] old [A] man [D] died

BRIDGE:

90 [D] years without [G] slumber-[D]ing [D] (tic toc tic toc)
His [D] life seconds [G] number-[D]ing [D] (tic toc, tic toc)
But it [D]↓ stopped – [A]↓ short – [D] never to go a-[G]gain
When the [D] old [A] man [D] died

In [D] watching its [A] pendulum [D] swing to and [G] fro
Many [D] hours had he [A] spent as a [D] boy
And in [D] childhood and [A] manhood the [D] clock seemed to [G] know
And to [D] share both his [A] grief and his [D] joy
For it [D] struck 24 when he [G] entered at the [D] door
With a [D] blooming and beautiful [A] bride
But it [D]↓ stopped – [A]↓ short – [D] never to go a-[G]gain
When the [D] old [A] man [D] died

BRIDGE:

My [D] grandfather [A] said that of [D] those he could [G] hire
Not a [D] servant so [A] faithful he'd [D] found
For it [D] wasted no [A] time and [D] had but one de-[G]sire
At the [D] close of each [A] week to be [D] wound
Yes it [D] kept in its place, not a [G] frown upon its [D] face
And its [D] hands never hung by its [A] side
But it [D]↓ stopped – [A]↓ short – [D] never to go a-[G]gain
When the [D] old [A] man [D] died

BRIDGE:

Then it [D] rang an a-[A]larm in the [D] dead of the [G] night
 An a-[D]larm that for [A] years had been [D] dumb
 And we [D] knew that his [A] spirit was [D] pluming its [G] flight
 That his [D] hour of de-[A]parture had [D] come
 Still the [D] clock kept the time, with a [G] soft and muffled [D] chime
 As we [D] silently stood by his [A] side
 But it [D]↓ stopped – [A]↓ short – [D] never to go a-[G]gain
 When the [D] old [A] man [D] died [D]↓

