

"When Frederic Was a Little Lad"

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Allegro pesante

Am C/E F Am C/G Cm/G G

f *p* When

5 Cm Fm⁶ Cm Fm⁶ Cm Cm/Eb

Fred - 'ric was a lit - tle lad he proved so brave and
was a stu - pid nur - s'ry - maid, on break - ers al - ways
soon found out, be - yond all doubt, the scope of this dis -

8 G Cm Fm⁶ Cm Fm⁶

dar - ing, His fa - ther thought he'd 'pren - tice him to
steer - ing And I did not catch the word a - right, through
as - ter, But I hadn't the face to re - turn to my place, and

11 Cm Cm/Eb G⁷ Cm Eb Ab

some ca - reer sea - far - ing. I was, a - las! his
be - ing hard of hear - ing; Mis - tak - ing my in -
break it to my mas - ter. A nur - s'ry - maid is

14 Eb Ab Eb F⁷/C Bb

nur - s'ry - maid, and so it fell to my lot To
struc - tions, which with - in my brain did gy - rate, I
not a - fraid of what you peo - ple call work, So I

2 17 Cm Ab7 Cm Ab7 Cm Fm *rall.*

take and bind the pro-mis-ing boy ap - pren - tice to a
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 made up my mind to go as a kind of pi - rati - cal maid - of -

20 G C Dm/F *a tempo* C Dm/F

pi - lot. A life not bad for a har - dy lad, though
 pi - rate! A sad mis - take it was to make, and
 all - work; And that is how you find me now, a

23 C C/E G7 Am C/E

sure - ly not a high lot, Though I'm a nurse, you
 doom him to a vile lot. I bound him to a
 mem - ber of your shy lot, Which you wouldn't have found, had

26 F Am C/G G7 C *f*

might do worse, than make your boy a pi - lot!
 pi - rate, you! in - stead of to a pi - lot.
 be been bound ap - pren - tice to a pi - lot!

29 Am C/E F Am C/G Cm/G G 1.2. 3. C/G G7 C

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