

# THE CROCODILE

for 2-part voices and piano  
with optional PianoTrax CD\*

Words by  
**LEWIS CARROLL** (1832-1898)

Music by  
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Playfully (♩ = ca. 120)

PIANO

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked 'f' (forte). The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

1st time: PART II only  
2nd time: PART I only  
3rd time: Sing both parts

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PART I

**mf**

How does the lit - tle croc - o - dle

PART II

**mf**

How does the lit - tle croc - o - dle im -

The vocal parts are written for two voices, Part I and Part II. Part I begins with a rest for 4 measures, then enters with the melody. Part II also has a 4-measure rest, then enters with a slightly different melody. The piano accompaniment continues throughout, marked 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The lyrics are: 'How does the lit - tle croc - o - dle im -'.

\* PianoTrax 4 Accompaniment CD available (35870).

Lewis Carroll (1832-1898) is the pseudonym of English writer, photographer, and mathematician Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who is most famous for his work, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The third of 11 children, Carroll entertained his family with magic tricks, marionette shows, and poems he wrote for a homemade family magazine. During his life, he struggled with stammering, and was bullied as a student at Rugby School. In 1851, Carroll entered Christ Church College, Oxford University where he later worked as a mathematics teacher. "How Doth the Little Crocodile" is featured in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* as well as a poetry collection published in 1876, titled *The Hunting of the Snark and Other Poems and Verses*.

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im-prove his shin - ing tail. \_\_\_\_\_ And pour the

prove his shin - ing tail. And pour the wa - ters

wa - ters of the Nile on ev - 'ry gold - en scale. \_\_\_\_\_

of the Nile on ev - 'ry gold - en scale. How

*p* Cheer - ful - ly he grins.

cheer - ful - ly he seems to grin! How

*p*

15 *f* Neat - ly spread his claws.

neat - ly spread his claws. And

*mf* *f* 8<sup>th</sup>

17 *p* Wel - comes fish - es in with *mf*

wel - comes lit - tle fish - es in with

*mf* *p*

19 1. gen - tly smil - ing

gen - tly smil - ing jaws!

*mf* *f* 1.