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Alliterative Anecdotes  
Humorous Song

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**Allegro moderato**

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-8. The score is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The vocal line consists of whole rests. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, and a steady bass line in the left hand.

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Musical score for the second system, measures 9-16. The vocal line begins with the word "My" at the end of measure 16. The piano accompaniment continues with the established rhythmic pattern.

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Musical score for the third system, measures 17-24. The vocal line contains the lyrics: "wife has an Aunt Ar - a - min-ta, The rich-est of all our re - la-tions, Wh - ose". The piano accompaniment continues with the established rhythmic pattern.

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vis-its each year we have rea-son to fear, For we have what are termed "ex-pec - ta-tions."

32

The ann-ual in - flic-tion was due, So to bright-en the home I con trived,

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I weed - ed the path and en-am - el-led the bath, And Aunt Ar - a - min-ta ar-rived.

48

But the fol-low-ing morn, with a sick-en-ing thud, All our fond ex-pec - tat-ions were

"queered," For dear Aunt pre - ma - ture - ly de - cid - ed to

bathe;- A - nd Aunt Ar - a - min - ta Ad - hered!

## 2.

My ill-fated friend Walter Wilkins,  
 One morning set out with elation,  
 Little counting the cost, in his infantile Austin,  
 To visit a Scottish relation.  
 He waved his farewell without thought  
 That a dire disaster was near,  
 With an absence of fuss, his diminutive 'bus  
 Set out on its fateful career  
 But I'm sorry to say, as poor Walter prused  
 His way blithesomely Northward with zest,  
 In an intricate swerve round a dangerous curve,  
 Walter Waggled the Wheel and Went West!

## 3

A West Country maiden named Betty,  
 A firvolous flapper most charming,  
 For a most inane bet, kept a seal as a pet  
 With results somewhat strange and alarming  
 Now Bonzo's beaviour was bad,  
 And the seal would at times disappear,  
 He would frequently doze, and the places he chose  
 For slumber were oftentimes queer  
 But she writes to me to say he's been sent to the Zoo,  
 Having strayed from the narrower path,  
 Now she doesn't describe his offence but I fancy  
 That Bonzo Bit Betty in Bath!

4.

Professor Theophilus Tootle,  
I recently met at a dinner.  
A philosopher ripe, of a scholarly type,  
Though an obvious social beginner.  
The feed was a festive affair,  
The flagons flowed free, so to speak,  
With a feeling of grief, I confess the belief  
That Theophilus Tootle was weak!  
For it seems that at daybreak, his horrified spouse  
Found he'd stood in the sink through the night,  
Having carefully put his umbrella to bed  
There's a Theory That Tootle was Tight.

5.

Miss Mergie has lately been making  
A tour of our Eastern Possessions<  
And of where she has been, and of what she has seen<  
She retains somewhat tangled impressions.  
She says she found India sweet,  
She adores the "stipenduous" views  
To be seen, she declares, in those great "Camelhairs,"  
They have "topical" forest of "Spearmint" trees,  
From which she says chewing gum comes<  
And she thinks that their music is highly amusing<  
They Tattoo Their Tunes on Tum-Tums!

6.

The late Zachariah Mc Tavish  
A native I fancy of Peebles<  
Was a taster of whisky, a trade that is risky,  
And strong constitutions enfeeble>  
He strove to improve his technique,  
And encountered strange creatures thereby,  
Blue mice and pink rats, several snakes wearing spats,  
And fierce forms of fishes that fly!  
These creatures intrigued him so much that Mc Tavish  
Of overtime worked a great deal,  
And the Coroner found, as the cause of his end,  
Zachariah's Zoological Zeal.