

Marguerite.
When I was in town,
I used to see Marguerite,
I never met a prettier,
I never more forgot her.
The world is full
of beauty, but she's the best,
I could not find another,
On the streets of New York,
Dear as when first I met her,
She is my sweet angel,
Marguerite.

We worked over the hills,
The world was really becoming,
Revolving round the sun,
Our home our heart was soiling,
We were the happiest,
Oh, how we did live,
The world is full of beauty,
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A Ghost Story.

By MAJOR COOMES, OF PHENIXVILLE.

Four years ago, the people of Phenixville was almost driven out of their senses by a ghost who made his appearance every night in the grave yard. They persecuted him, and they told such terrible tales about it that the women and children were forced to go to bed in the dark for a month, and you couldn't get a night to go outside of the door after dark but for George. He made a monstrous talk for more than ten miles round the settlement, and every body was anxious to know where it was, and what it wanted. One Mr. Walker, who had been cheated out of his property by the lawyers, hadn't died a great while, and as he was a monstrous curious chap, now, the general opinion was that the old man had cum back for something.

Sammy Shorestreet seed it, and Bob Moreland seed it, and old Miss Curlo seed it when she was comin' to town to see her daughter Nancy, the night she left her baby, and they all gave the same account the nigga did, but he been dressed in white and talkin' to itself, and cryin' and walkin' about among the tombstones. Bob Moreland seed he heard it sneeze two or three times just as natural as any human, and cry over to pliful.

A good many of the boys seed they were going to watch it for sum night and speak to it, but somehow their hearts always failed em' bout dark, and nobody didn't go.

One day Bill Wilson cum to town, and was poor half-corded down to Mr. Hurd's store, when they got to bantin' him bout the ghost.

"Ding-o! I don't see why it'll see Bill." I was afraid of no ghost that ever walked o' right."

With that some of 'em offered to bet him five dollars that he doesn't go inside of the grave yard alone after dark.

"Don, see Bill," plunk up your money. But I'm to go just as I've a mind to!"

"You, see the boys."

"And shoot the ghost, if I see it!" — see he.

"To be sure."

"— And I'm to have a bottle of old Jim-mak to keep me company!"

"Yes," said all of 'em.

"Agreed," says Bill. "Put up the stakes in Mr. Hurd's hands."

The money was staked and the business all fixed in time.

"Now, says Bill, "give me a jar of pistol and let me load 'em myself, and I'll show you whether I's afraid of ghosts."

Captain Skinner's big horse pistols were sent for, and Bill loaded one of 'em up to the muzzle, and after guttin' a bottle of liquor in his pocket, and takin' two or three more horns to raise his courage, he walked in itwas dark. Every body in town was wide awake to see how the thing would turn out, and some of the crittins was monstrous concerned for Bill, for fear he'd git carried off by the ghost shore up.

Just about dark, Bill set out for the grave yard, with a whole heap of fellers, who went to see him to the gate.

Look out now, Bill—you know ghosts is monstrous dangerous things, and the boys, as they was bad leavin' him.

"Never you mind, says Bill. "But remember, I'm to shoot—"

"Yes, see all of 'em."

Bill marched into the middle of the grave yard, singin' "Sunny Night" as loud as he could, but monstrous out of tune, and stuck out one of the grave stones.

The grave yard at Phenixville stands on the side of a hill about a quarter of a mile from town. The fence is a monstrous high post and rail fence, and the lot is a tremenous big one, extending a good ways down in the hollow on either side; whether it's a pine thicket or a grove what they ain't no graves.

The night was pretty dark, and Bill thought it was very cold, so he kept takin' drinks every now and then to keep himself warm, and singin' all the songs and dances he known'd to keep awake. Some times he thought he heard somethin', and then his hair would sort of crawl up, and he'd grab hold of his pistol, when he held it cocked in his lap, but it was so dark he couldn't see nothing too ships off.

Two or three times he felt like backin' out, but he 'knew'd that wouldn't never do, so he'd take another drink and strike up another tune.

Boneye he got so sleepy that he couldn't tell whether he was singin' "Lucy Neel" or "The Promised Land," and bimeby he only sing a word here and there, that being very particular what song it belonged to.

He was so hominable sleepy and dozed off, that he couldn't keep awake, and when he did, he'd sing as loud as he could.

"Hight on Bill, what's that?"

He was soon comin' to the conclusion that he must have singin' his sleep, and after somethin' that his pistol was safe and taking another drink, he was soon in the land of nod again.

Now this time old Mr. Jenkins' gang comes run out of the thicket, when they had come through the gap in the fence, and with white bell-bottoms in the lead, cummin' along, what they was watchin' for them.

Old Bellbottom is one of the red-necked rascals, who's out to butcher all Georgia, and come Bill with him all alone by himself, he goes up and snuff him. Bill nodded to him in his sleep. The gun stepped back a little while, and Bill nudged to him in his sleep. The gun stepped back a little while, and Bill nudged to him in his sleep. The gun stepped back a little while, and Bill nudged to him in his sleep.

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