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The Mahogany Tree

William Makepeace Thackeray
(1811-1863)

Mahogany, a wood imported to England from the Americas, was used for fine furniture, especially the dining table, which became known popularly as "the Mahogany tree."

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♩ = 92-96

Piano

f

mf *f*

con pedale *Ped.*

5

f

Christ - mas is here.

f

(ped. ad. lib.) *Ped.*

9

unis.

Winds whis - tle shrill, i - cy and chill: Lit - tle care

unis. div.

Lit - tle care we.

2 12

we. Lit-tle we fear wea-ther with-out, shel-tered a-bout the Ma-hog-a-ny

15

Tree. Com-mon-er greens,

20

I - vy and oaks, Po - ets in jokes, sing, sing, do you
Po - ets in jokes sing, do you see?

24 *mf* see? Good fel - lows shins, here, boys are found. *f* Twist - ing a - round the Ma - hog - a - ny *unis.*

28 *mf* Tree. *mf* Once on the boughs,

32 birds of great plume sang in its bloom: night bird's are

35 *f* unis. div. unis.

we: here we ca - rouse _____ sing - ing like them, perched round the

f unis. div. unis.

f *meno f* *f*

38

stem of the jol - ly old tree.

cresc. *dim.* *mf* *dim.*

42 *mp* *dark and intense* *brightly* *f*

Care, like a dun, lurks at the gate: Let the dog wait;

mp *f*

Let the dog wait;

mp *mf* *cresc.* *f*

8th Ped.

46 *mf* *cresc. poco a poco* ----- *div.*

Hap py we'll be! Drink e-very one; pile up the coals, fill the red bowls, Round the old

mf unis. *cresc. poco a poco* ----- *div.*

f *mf* *Ped.*

51 *f* *mp* *2* Warm & Expressive

tree! Eve - nings we knew, —

f *mp unis.* *mp* *2* *2*

f *cresc.* *mp* *espress.* *2* *2*

56 *div.* *2* *2* *2*

Hap - py as this, — fa - ces we miss, — plea - sant to

61

see. Kind hearts and true, gen - tile and just,

cresc. *mf*

espress. *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

66

Peace to your dust! We sing round the tree. Here let us Here let us sport,

f *un.* *div.* *f*

rall. *Maestoso con moto*

f *rall e cresc.* *Maestoso con moto*

71

sport, boys, as we sit: Laugh - ter and wit boys, as we sit: Laugh - ter and wit

f

74 *More deliberate* *f* *piu f* 7

flash - ing so free. Life is but short, when we are

flash - ing so free.

mf *More deliberate*

77 *ff* *div.*

gone, let them sing or,

f *ff*

80 *Meno mosso* *A tempo*

round the old tree.

Meno mosso *A tempo*

8^{va}-1 *ff*