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EIGHT DOLLARS A DAY
WRITTEN & DEDICATED TO THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S.
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AS SUNG IN ALL THE CONCERTS OF THE
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E I G H T D O L L A R S A D A Y .

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 6/8.

At Washington, full once a year do pol-i-ti-cians throng Con-

The first system of the song features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "At Washington, full once a year do pol-i-ti-cians throng Con-". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern to the introduction.

triving there by various arts to make their sessions long; And many a reason

The second system continues the song. The lyrics are "triving there by various arts to make their sessions long; And many a reason". The piano accompaniment features some chordal textures in the right hand.

do they give why they're obliged to stay, But the clearest reason yet adduced is

The third system concludes the song. The lyrics are "do they give why they're obliged to stay, But the clearest reason yet adduced is". The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note patterns.

3

Eight dollars a day.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is a single melodic line in a treble clef, and the lower staff is a piano accompaniment in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

2

Just go with me to the Capitol, if you really would behold
 All that imagination craves, and more than e'er was told;
 D'ye see the City av'nue swarms with members grave and gay
 And what d'ye s'pose they're thinking of! 'tis Eight dollars a day.

3

There is an axiom known to all and rather old given
 For 'tis a common household phrase and very often seen;
 That those who're fools enough to dance the fiddler too must pay
 So Congress fiddles us the tune--of Eight dollars a day.

4

All Washington now is wide awake, and all the big hotels
 Are fill'd with Representatives, and O! how liquor sells;
 It cannot well be otherwise for think you men will play
 The National tune without their grog--of Eight dollars a day.

5

A startling scene will now be play'd before the gazing world
 For from the nation's Capitol her banner is unfurl'd;
 The Congress men are trudging on, each in his chosen way
 And all keep time to the glorious tune of Eight dollars a day.

6

Now to the Senate chamber first, then to the House we'll go
 And learn a lesson while we may of patriotic thro';
 The roll is called and quorum form'd when the Chaplains rise to pray
 And then the National work begins at Eight dollars a day.

7

Then every member takes his seat in the velvet chair of state
 Thinking that in his dignity's embodied the nation's fate;
 A flaming speech is made by one when the call is yea or nay
 But all are agreed when the question comes of Eight dollars a day.

8

And next in the order of the day comes the mad cry of war.
 While very few of the longest heads can hardly tell what's for
 But "War exists" all parties cry and th'enemy we must slay
 So Congress backs the President,--at Eight dollars a day.

NINTH VERSE.

Then the cry of war runs through the land for Vol-unteers to go, And
 fight in the war for slavery on the plains of Mexi-co; Seven dollars a month and to be
 shot at that is the common soldiers pay While those who send the poor fellows there get
 Eight dollars a day.

This Verse is sung to the music of the first verse.

Thus ring our Legislative halls from year to year the same
 Tariffs and Banks and Treasury acts and glorious deeds of fame;
 Our country's great and rich withal, and must be taxed to pay
 And Uncle Sam must foot the bills at Eight dollars a day.

But a day of reckning's coming on be · hold the gath'ring storm For the

People are the Sovereigns yet, and they demand re · form; From North and South the

shout is heard and Congress must o · bey Or quit their seats for bet · ter men, at

Eight dollars a · day.