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# THEY HAVE DONE JUST THE BEST THEY COULD



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Tempo di Valse.

*ff* *ritard.*

*a tempo.*

This old world's in an un - phil - o - soph - ic - al rut, Or rather most peo - ple seem  
 We have scan - dal at home, and we have it a - broad, Cor - ruption we see all a -  
 Is there not in each closet an un - wel - come guest? A skel - e - ton somewhere is

*p*

blind;  
 round.  
 hidden.

They are keep - ing the atmos - phere blue all a - round By  
 If it were not that evil was so mixed with good Could there  
 Can we all feel quite sure that on some qui - et day This

*Note. In some of the verses a word or two may occasionally be found for which the Singer's taste will suggest a change of time for certain notes of the music in order that enunciation may be improved.*

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think.ing it's black for man - kind. \_\_\_\_\_ They will judge one an. other with -  
 be a com - par - i - son found? \_\_\_\_\_ Are we not here to taste or to  
 lodg - er wont come forth un - bidden? \_\_\_\_\_ The way that is safest for

out thinking further For their life or of some.thing they've done \_\_\_\_\_ Even  
 see for our - selves The is - sue of good and of bad? \_\_\_\_\_ Can  
 short sight - ed folks Is the si - lent road o - ver the hill; \_\_\_\_\_ When

Ad.am I b'lieve laid all blame on Eve For some fruit she just gave him for  
 an - y one give a plan for a world Where a much bet - ter view could be  
 an - y ones actions they can't un - der - stand They should keep in this path and be

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Chorus.

fun . . . . . These peo - ple blind Will some day find, That  
had? . . . . . If so, I say, On Judge - ment day, Keep  
still . . . . . This road they'll find With ros - es lined In

*p*

those they thought far from good, Stand high in the eyes of the  
eyes on this man so good, Re pentant he'll look, and he'll  
si - lence there's room for good, And when they are dead It

Vigorous.

Al - migh - ty Judge, And have done just the best they could . . . . .  
add to the book "They have done just the best they could." . . . . .  
then will be said, "They have done just the best they could." . . . . .

*D.C.*

Note: Female Singers can change the first four lines of the fourth verse to suit themselves, or may replace them with the lines in italics.

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(Extra verses)

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*There are some who may think me a trifle obscure,  
And are yearning to see something light;  
For all such I shall turn on a little more gas,  
They may then think me "clean out of sight."*

There are some who may think me a trifle too glum  
For a serio-comical man,  
For all such I will turn on the calcium light,  
And appear lighter still if I can.  
The expense of removing the Fair will be great,  
But Chicago will do it or bust.  
The wind that's been used on Silver Repeal  
Would have blown the whole thing to dust.

*Chorus.*

Poor Uncle Sam  
Has been a clam,  
They mixed him up well and good  
They've led him a dance,-  
(Will they yet steal his pants?)  
They have done just the best they could.

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Dunraven has left Sandy Hook and the Cup,  
And has said au revoir like a lamb.  
Outside this, with disaster the year has been swept  
From here to the coast of Siam.  
Some will tell you it's caused by the spots on the sun,  
Some say, "a political ring,"  
If the latter is so, we should smash the whole show  
And select James J. Corbett for king.

*Chorus.*

This gentle soul  
Their heads would bowl  
As ten pins of polished wood.  
He'd wipe up the floor  
With a dozen or more  
And he'd do just the best he could.

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