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# THE CROCODILE

for 2-part voices and piano  
with optional PianoTrax CD\*

Words by  
**LEWIS CARROLL** (1832-1898)

Music by  
**RUTH MORRIS GRAY**

Playfully (♩ = ca. 120)

PIANO

The piano introduction is written for two staves in 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter notes. The tempo is marked 'Playfully' with a quarter note equal to approximately 120 beats per minute. The dynamic is marked 'f' (forte).

1st time: PART II only  
2nd time: PART I only  
3rd time: Sing both parts

4

PART I

mf

How does the lit - tle croc - o - dile

PART II

mf

How does the lit - tle croc - o - dile im -

The vocal and piano accompaniment section consists of three staves. The top two staves are for the voices, labeled 'PART I' and 'PART II'. The bottom staff is for the piano accompaniment. The music begins with a measure rest for 4 measures. A box with the number '5' indicates the start of the first time through. The lyrics are: 'How does the lit - tle croc - o - dile' for Part I and 'How does the lit - tle croc - o - dile im -' for Part II. The dynamic is marked 'mf' (mezzo-forte).

\* PianoTrax 4 Accompaniment CD available (35870).

Lewis Carroll (1832-1898) is the pseudonym of English writer, photographer, and mathematician Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who is most famous for his work, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The third of 11 children, Carroll entertained his family with magic tricks, marionette shows, and poems he wrote for a homemade family magazine. During his life, he struggled with stammering, and was bullied as a student at Rugby School. In 1851, Carroll entered Christ Church College, Oxford University where he later worked as a mathematics teacher. "How Doth the Little Crocodile" is featured in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* as well as a poetry collection published in 1876, titled *The Hunting of the Snark and Other Poems and Verses*.

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im-prove his shin - ing tail. \_\_\_\_\_ And pour the  
 prove his shin - ing tail. And pour the wa - ters

wa - ters of the Nile on ev - ry gold - en scale. \_\_\_\_\_  
 of the Nile on ev - ry gold - en scale. How

*p* Cheer - ful - ly he grins.  
 cheer - ful - ly he seems to grin! How

15

*f*

Neat - ly spread his claws.

neat - ly spread his claws.

And

*mf* *f*

17

*p* *mf*

Wel - comes fish - es in with

wel - comes lit - tle fish - es in with

*mf* *p*

19

1.

gen - tly smil - ing

gen - tly smil - ing jaws!

*f*

1.

*mf* *f*

2. *f* jaws!

3. *f* jaws!

28 The lit - tle croc - o - dile!

29 How does the lit - tle croc - o - dile!

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