

My Shadow

For Voice and Piano

Robert Louis Stevenson, 1885

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I have a lit - tle sha - dow that goes in and out with me, And what can be the use of him is more than I can see. He is ver - y, ver - y like me from the heels up to the head; And I see him jump be - fore me, when I jump in - to my bed. The fun - niest thing a - bout him is the way he likes to grow, Not at all like pro - per chil - dren, which is al - ways ver - y slow; For he some - times shoots up tall - er like an in - dia - rub - ber ball, And he some - times gets so lit - tle that there's none of him at all. He has - n't got a no - tion of how

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chil-dren ought to play, And can on-ly make a fool of me in ev-'ry sort of way. He stays so close be-side me, he's a

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co-ward you can see; I'd think shame to stick to nur-sie as that sha-dow sticks to me! One

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mor-ning, ver-y ear-ly, be-fore the sun was up, I rose and found the shi-ning dew on ev-'ry but-ter-cup; But my

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la - zy lit - tle sha - dow, like an er - rant slee - py - head, Had

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stayed at home be - hind me and was fast a - sleep in bed.