

Price of a Drink

Arranged from a Poem
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A Descriptive Song
with Quartet or Chorus Interludes
"Come take a drink-only five cents a glass."

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Animato

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time, marked Animato. The music consists of a series of chords and eighth-note patterns in both hands.

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I. "Five cents a glass!" Does an-y-one think That that is real-ly the price of a drink? The

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price of a drink! Let him de-cide who has lost his cour-age and lost his pride, His

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hon - or and vir - tue, the wreath of fame, All high en - deav - or and no - ble name. For ___

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these are the treas - ures thrown a - way As the price of a drink from day to day.

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Quartet or Chorus

"Five cents a glass!" Does an - y - one think That that is real - ly the price of a drink?

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Solo

2. "Five cents a glass!" How Sa - tan laughed, as o - ver the bar the young man guaffed The

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fier - y liq - uor, for the de - mon knew The ter - ri - ble work that drink would do, And _

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ere the morn - ing the vic - tim lay With his life blood ebb - ing swift - ly a - way And _

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that was the price he paid a - las! For the pleas - ure of tak - ing a so - cial glass.

Quartet or Chorus

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"Five cents a glass!" Does an - y - one think That that is real - ly the price of a drink? The

Solo

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3. The price of a drink! if you want to know What price, the price of a drink?

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some are will - ing to pay for it, go To that wretch - ed ten - e - ment o - ver there With

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din - gy win - dows and bro - ken stair, Where foul dis - ease like a vam - pire crawls With

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out - stretched wings on the mould - y walls, Where pov - er - ty dwells with her

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hun - gry brood, All wild - eyed as de - mons for lack of food; Where

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shame in a cor - ner crouch - es low Where vi - o - lence deals its cru - el blow And

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in-no-cent ones are kicked and cursed To pay the price of this dread - ful thirst.

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Quartet or Chorus

"Five cents a glass!" "Five cents a glass!" Does an - y - one think That that is real-ly the

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price of a drink? That that is real-ly the price of a drink?