LEETLE BATEESE

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Dr. William Henry Drummond, Canadian poet, lived practically all his life, side by side with the French-Canadian people. He grew to know them, to love them. His poems have acquainted the world with them more than any other.

Dr. Drummond's poem lets the "Habitant" tell his own tale in his own way as he would relate it to an English-speaking auditor who was not conversant with the French tongue.

Glossary: *Little Batom*—the name Batoe is frequently used by the French-Canadian for a little boy, as we use Willy or Johnny.

*Voyagers*—River-drivers who bring logs down stream.

*Long Portage*—In canoeing, when one comes to a rapids the canoe must be carried on land past the dangerous waters.
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Brightly (2:30)

(Preliminary Key, E5)

GEORGE V. HARRA

PIANO

You had lee-tle boy, not mucke you care How

bus-y you're kip-in' your poor grand-pere, Try-in' to stop you

ev-ry day Chas-in' de ben a-round de bay—

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W'y don't you geev dez a chance to lay? Lee-tie Ba- teese!

Off on de fiel' you fol-low deplough Den, w'en you're tire you scare de cow,

Sick-in' de dog till dey jump de wall So de milk ain't no good for

not-ing at all— An' you're on-ly five an' a half dis tall, Lee-tie Ba-
ten.

Too sleep—y for say-in' de pray'r to-night? Never

min' I s'pose it'll be all-right, Say dem to-mor-row— Ah! dere he go!

Fas' a-sleep in a min-ute or so, Ah'he'll stay lak dat till de reos-ter crow,

Lee-tle Ba- ter-sel!
Den wake us up right a-
long-legged crane,

way toute suite Look-in' for something more to eat, Mak-in' me think of dem
Soon as they swallow, they start again; I

wonder your stomach don't get no pain, Lee-ble Bae-tee!
Lento

see beem now, ly in dere in bed, Look at de arm on-des neat' bis

accel.

head; If he grow lak dat till be's twen ty year, I

cres.

bei he'll be strong er dan Lou is Cyri An' beat all de voy a geurs

cresc.

Leev in here Lee the Ba teeseel Just'

*) in his day the strongest man in the world at weight lifting.
Faster, and with lots of parental pride.

feel de muscle along heen back. Won't gee heen moche bod-der for

accel.
carry pack On de long por-tage, an-y size ca-noe, Dere's

rit marcato slower and well marked
not many ting dat boy won't do, For he's got double joint on heen bod- y

rit. slower and well marked

mp express.

but, Lee-tle Be-tees! please don't for-get We

mp colonna voce
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