

# John Riley's Always Dry

Words by  
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As sung in Edward Harrigan's Comic Play,  
"Mulligan's Silver Wedding"

Music by  
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mf

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Detailed description: This block contains the first five measures of the piano introduction. The music is in 2/4 time and begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. A triplet of eighth notes appears in the final measure.

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f

Fine

Detailed description: This block contains measures 6 through 10 of the piano introduction. Measure 6 is marked with a section sign (§). The right hand has a more active melodic line with many triplets of eighth notes. The left hand continues with a steady accompaniment. The piece concludes with a forte (f) dynamic and a 'Fine' marking.

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I have an old com - pan - ion, John Ri - ley from Tra - lee; In  
It's ev - 'ry morn - ing ear - ly John Ri - ley's out of bed, Sure  
His fa - ther of - ten told him, When John was but a youth, That  
11 What puz - zles all the doc - tors John Ri - ley's ev - er met Is

Detailed description: This block contains the vocal melody and piano accompaniment for measures 11 through 15. The vocal line is written in a single staff with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment is in two staves. The lyrics are: 'I have an old com - pan - ion, John Ri - ley from Tra - lee; In It's ev - 'ry morn - ing ear - ly John Ri - ley's out of bed, Sure His fa - ther of - ten told him, When John was but a youth, That 11 What puz - zles all the doc - tors John Ri - ley's ev - er met Is'. The piano accompaniment supports the vocal line with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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fair or cloud - y weath - er. John Ri - ley's seen with me. His  
nev - er a feath - er bol - ster Lies un - der Ri - ley's head: It's  
ev - 'ry mor - tal Ri - ley All died from whis - key drouth; Of  
fresh or salt - y wa - ter Can't make John Ri - ley wet. Sure

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heart is like a moun - tain, His hon - or ye can't buy, But  
when the sun is ris - ing, So ea - ger and so sly. He  
course it is a fail - ing. The poor man can't de - ny, 'Tis  
he must have the li - quor, Rum, bran - dy gin or rye. And

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el - bow bend - ing is his fault, John Ri-ley's al - ways dry.  
 slips out for his bit - ters, boys, John Ri-ley's al - ways dry.  
 but a freak of na - ture, boys, John Ri-ley's al - ways dry.  
 should he miss the bot - tle, boys. John Ri-ley'd sure - ly die

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Bas - s's ale by the pail He would or - der Ro - san - na to

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go out and buy; Dub - lin Stout he would shout, Keep

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drink-ing and nev - er say die; Whis-key prime, gin and

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wine, He would hand down a bot - tle and mer - ri - ly cry: "My Rose

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Ann, fill the can, For hon - est John Ri - ley's dry." **D.S. al Fine**