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The Mahogany Tree

Mahogany, a wood imported to England from the Americas, was used for fine furniture, especially the dining table, which became known popularly as "the Mahogany tree."

William Makepeace Thackeray
(1811-1863)

ERIC HELMUTH

♩ = 92-96

Piano

f

con pedale

mf

f

Ped.

4

f

Christ - mas is here.

f

(ped. ad. lib.)

Ped.

2

unis.

div.

Winds whis - tle shrill, i - cy and chill:

unis.

div.

2 11

mf

Lit - tle care we. Lit - tle we fear wea - ther with - out,

Lit - tle care we

mf

14

f unis. shel - tered a - bout the Ma - hog - a - ny Tree.

f unis.

f *mf*

18

div. *f* Com - mon - er greens, I - vy and oaks,

div. *f* *mf*

Po -

f *mf*

22 *mf* *f* *mf*

Po - ets in jokes, sing, sing, do you see? Good fel - lows

- ets in jokes sing, do you see?

f *mf*

25 *f* unis.

shins, here, boys are found. Twist - ing a - round the Ma - hog - a - ny Tree.

f unis.

f *mf* *f*

29 *mf*

Once on the boughs, birds of great plume

mf

mf *mp* *mf*

33

sang in its bloom: night birds are we: here we ca -

f unis.

f unis.

f *meno f*

36

rouse sing - ing like them, perched round the stem of the jol - ly old

div. unis.

div. unis.

f *cresc.*

39

tree. Care, like a dun, lurks at the

mp *dark and intense*

mp

dim. *mf* *dim.* *mp*