The Bumblebee
for SA Voices with Keyboard Accompaniment

James Whitcomb Riley
(1849-1916)  Peter J. Durow

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Oh! You bet-ter not fool with a bum-ble-bee!

If you don’t think they can sting you’ll see!

They’re laz-y to look at, an’ kind_ o’ go

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Buz zin’ an’ bum’ in’ a round

so slow,

ac’ so slouch-y an’ all tired out,* Dang-lin’ their legs as they drone a-bout The

Dang-lin’ their legs as they drone a-bout The

*ac’: act,
"slouchy and all fagged out": slumping, exhausted (the composer has chosen to substitute the word "tired")
hol-ly-hawks 'at they can't climb in 'lth-out*ist a-tumble-un out a-gin!

"Ithout ist a-tumble-un out ag'in!": Unless (without) just tumbling out again

"Wunst": once
I did one day, An'

I ist grabbed it an' nen let go An'

"Ooh__ ooh!___ Honey I told ye

*jimson-blossom* : jimsonweed-a poisonous member of the nightshade family with big, trumpet-like flowers.
so!" Says the Raggedy Man*; an' he is run An'
pull out the stinger an' don't laugh none, an' says: "They has been folks, I

* "Raggedy Man": one of Riley's Hoosier characters, the helping hand who dresses poorly but entertains the children wisely and kindly.
I still muntain 'at a Bumble-bee Wears out his welcome too

quick fer me!"

So! You bet-ter not fool with a

* "muntain" : maintain
bum-bble-bee!

Ef you don't think they can sting

you'll see!

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