

*Three Songs from*

# *The Adventures of Toad*

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## **Ducks' Ditty**

All along the back water  
through the rushes tall  
Ducks are a dabbling  
up, tails all.

Ducks' tails drakes' tails  
yellow feet a quiver  
Yellow bills all out of sight  
busy in the river.

Slushy green under growth  
Where the roach swim  
Here we keep our larder  
Cool and full and dim.

Every one for what he likes  
We like to be  
Head down tails up dabbling free.

High in the blue above  
swifts whirl and call  
We are down a dabbling  
up, tails all.

## **Toad's Song**

The world has held great heroes  
as history books have showed  
but never a name to go down to fame  
compared with that of Toad!

The clever men at Oxford  
know all that there is to be knowed  
But they all of them know one half as much  
as intelligent Mister Toad.

The animals sat in the ark and cried  
their tears in torrents flowed  
Who was it said "There's land ahead?"  
Encouraging Mister Toad.

The Queen and her ladies in waiting  
sat by the window and sewed  
She cried "Look who's that hand-some man?"  
They answered Mister Toad!

## **Final Song**

When Toad came home!  
There was panic in the parlour  
and howling in the hall  
There was crying in the cowshed  
and shrieking in the stall  
When the Toad came home!

When Toad came home  
There was smashing in of windows  
and crashing in of doors  
There was chivvy in of weasels  
that fainted on the floor  
When the Toad came home.

Bang go the drums  
The trumpeters are tooting  
and the soldiers are saluting  
The cannon they are shooting  
and the motor cars are hooting  
as the hero comes.

Shout hoo-ray - "Hoo-ray!"  
and let each one of the crowd  
try and shout it very loud  
in honour of an animal  
of whom we're very proud  
for it's Toad's great day.