

78 The Beggar

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Allegro ma non troppo



I'd— just as soon be a beg-gar as a king, And the rea - son I'll tell you for why; A



king can-not swag-ger, nor drink like a beg-gar, Nor be half so—hap-py as I. Let the



back and the sides go bare, my boys, Let the hands and the feet gang cold: But



give to the bel - ly, boys, beer en-nough, Wheth-er it be—new or old.