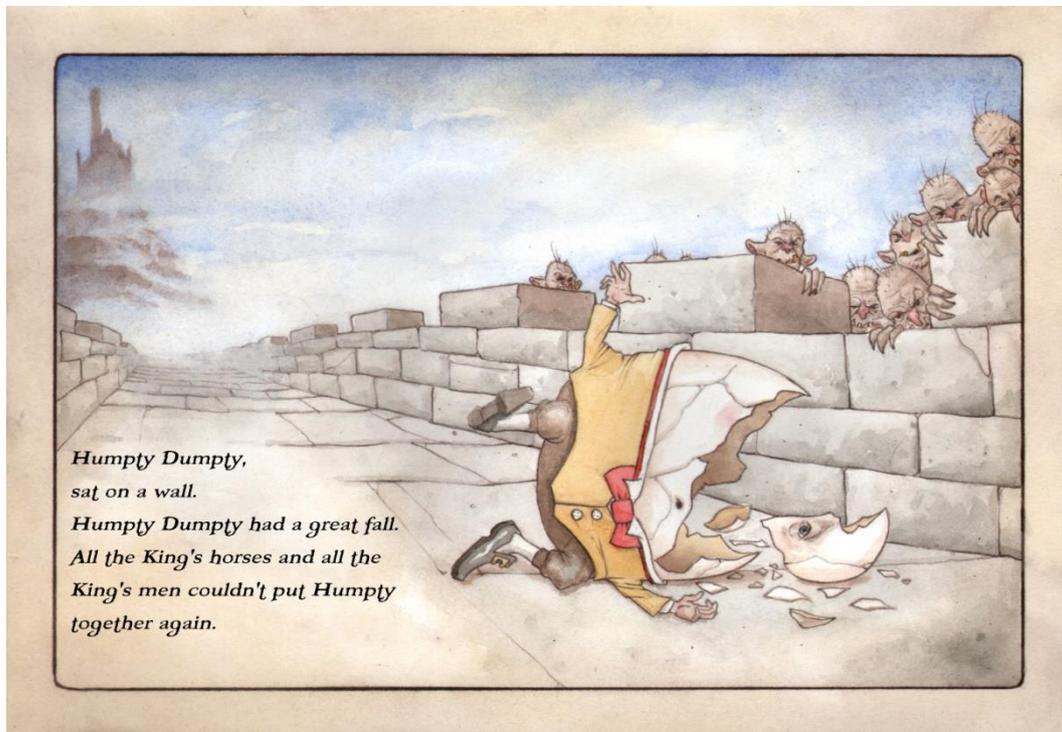


Putting Old Humpty Together Again

Music: Nigel Harbron

The musical score is written for guitar in the key of D major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three staves of music. Above the first staff are the chords: D, G, D, A, D, G, A, D, D, G, D, A. Above the second staff are the chords: D, Em, A, D, D, A, D, A, D, G. Above the third staff are the chords: Em, A, D, A, D, A, D, G, A, D. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune consisting of eighth and quarter notes.



We had been for a meal in the village pub, and, when we got back, a tune came into my head, and, before retiring, I jotted it down. I looked at it in the clear light of the next day, and discovered that I had just about managed to duplicate the well-known nursery rhyme tune!

Undaunted, I played around with it, and finally came up with this tune.

Apparently, the rhyme appeared in the late 18th century, and there are various explanations for it. There are also variations on it, and I particularly liked this one:

Humpty Dumpty lay in a beck.
With all his sinews around his neck;
Forty Doctors and forty wrights
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty to rights!