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Allegro moderato

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a melody in the right hand starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to G4. The left hand provides a bass line with chords and single notes. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*.

This section contains the piano accompaniment for the first part of the lyrics. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A section is marked *Till ready* with a dynamic of *p*. The lyrics "There In" are written below the first few notes of the melody.

This section contains the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second part of the lyrics. The vocal line is written in a single staff with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment is in two staves. The lyrics are: "was a des - per - a - do In the wild and wool - ey west Who was
Port - land he was sent - enced for to do his lit - tle bit, When".

not a - fraid of sher - iffs, and to them he was a pest. In
 he tried on his pris - on suit he near - ly had a fit. He

bat - tle he was a won - der, and at shoot - ing he was game, Har - ry
 said I must get out of here be - fore I get the gout, Right

Tra - cy was the des - per - a - do's name. Oh you Har - ry, Har - ry
 then he got the meas - les and broke out. Oh you Har - ry, Har - ry

Tra - - cy, Har-ry Tra - - cy, In no com-mon
 Tra - - cy, Har-ry Tra - - cy, He liked to lick up

pris-on would he stay. For in most all the jails He would
 li-quer ver-y well. While he was do-ing time, He drank

find a pair of scales, Get on the scales, that's how he got a - way.
 whiskey, beer and wine, The jail had bars in front of ev'-ry cell.

fz D.S.

3.

He drove down to a river where he saw an open boat,
 He quickly sprang into it, down the river he did float.
 Three sheriffs tried to follow, but he pulled his forty-four,
 He shot them in the river near the shore.

CHORUS

Oh you Harry, Harry Tracy, Harry Tracy,
 Boat got filled with water, did he shout?
 No! This quick witted soul
 In the bottom bored a hole
 Which very quickly let the water out.

4.

He saw a baby playing upon the railroad track,
 The fast express came speeding right behind the baby's back.
 He then lassoed the engine, pulled the train out in the weeds,
 He saved the child but killed a hundred Sweeds.

CHORUS

Oh you Harry, Harry Tracy, Harry Tracy,
 Bad man with a gun, without a doubt.
 Each time he got a bun,
 He'd then load up his gun,
 And go round the town a shooting off his mouth.

5.

They got bloodhounds to trail him, get his money they were bent,
 But old Tracy shot their nose off, they couldn't get a scent.
 The sheriffs they shot Harry in the back that afternoon,
 They shot him in the back of a saloon.

CHORUS

Oh you Harry, Harry Tracy, Harry Tracy,
 To buy a drink he'd never spend a sue.
 He would just let out a roar,
 Then faint on the bar room floor
 And, of course, you know they'd always bring him two.

6.

While riding on a train one day across the river Mink,
 The passenger got frightened, yelled "the bridge is going to sink!"
 Did Tracy get excited? Not a word did he exclaim,
 He drew his gun and then held up the train.

CHORUS

Oh you Harry, Harry Tracy, Harry Tracy,
 Hold up a train? Well, I should say yes.
 He'd almost go insane
 Every time he saw a train,
 That's if the train was on a lady's dress.