

# 6. There Once was an Amiable Guinea Pig

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Scherzando (♩ = c. 112)

*f* *bright*

Voice

There once was an am-i-a-ble

Guitar

5

Voice

gui-nea pig who brushed back his hair like a per-i-wig he wore

Gtr.

9

Voice

a sweet tie as sweet blue as the

Gtr.

14

Voice

sky and his whis-kers and but-tons were ve-ry big ve-ry big ve-ry big.

Gtr.

The musical score is written for voice and guitar. It begins in 2/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is Scherzando, with a quarter note equal to approximately 112 beats per minute. The music is marked *f* (forte) and *bright*. The voice part starts with a rest for two measures, then enters with the lyrics 'There once was an am-i-a-ble'. The guitar part provides a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and eighth-note patterns. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 5, 9, and 14 indicated at the beginning of each system. The time signature changes to 4/4 at measure 9. The lyrics are: 'There once was an am-i-a-ble gui-nea pig who brushed back his hair like a per-i-wig he wore a sweet tie as sweet blue as the sky and his whis-kers and but-tons were ve-ry big ve-ry big ve-ry big.'