

# If I Were a Cassowary

John Colenso a biblical scholar and the first Bishop of Natal wrote advocating tolerance for polygamy and against biblical infallibility. Tried for heresy under Archbishop Longley of Canterbury, the Privy Council ruled the charge ultra vires. William Macrorie was installed as Bishop of Marizburg and the church in Natal divided into rival factions.

Text: Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, et al.

(♩ = 116)

Piano & Voice(s)

Piano: *mp*

S & T Unison *mf*

If I were a Cas - so - wa - ry On the plains of

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*f* *mf* SATB

Tim - buc - too, I would eat a mis - sion - a - ry Cas-sock, coll - ar,

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(♩ = ♩) [1]

hymn - book too. Young la - dies be - ware the words: mon a - mi, The

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Bish - op's soft on po - ly - ga - my, He takes the na - tive cause, by jin -

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go, And preaches in the Zu-lu lin-go, 'Tis all down to the

29

Af-ri-can sun, Ri-pen-ing thoughts all white-men should shun. If I were a

*(♩ = ♩) simile, S & T Unison*

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Cas-so-wa-ry On the plains of Tim-buc-too, I would eat a mis-sion-a-ry

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SATB

Cas-sock, coll-ar, hymn-book too. My dear Col-en-so, with re-

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gret, We hierarches in sy-nod-ic con-clave met, Beg you, a most dis-

53

sturb - ing writ - er, To take off your col - on - ial mi - - tre, This

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course we - urge up - on you strong - ly Be - lieve me, yours - most tru -

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ly Long - ley. If I were a Cas - so - wa - ry On the plains of Tim - buc - too,

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I would eat a mis - sion - a - ry Cas - sock, coll - ar, hymn - book too. My dear Arch -

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bish - op, to re - sign This Zu - lu di - o - cese of - - mine, And

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own my - self a heath - en dark Be - cause\_ I've doubts of No - ah's

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Ark, And think it\_ right to tell\_ men so- Is not the course\_ for, Col-

97

en - so. If I were a Cas-so - wa - ry On the plains of Tim-buc-too,

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I would eat a mis - sion - a - ry Cas sock, coll - ar, hymn - book too. Two

107

bish - ops now scur - mished, un - pet - turb'd From ri - val cath - e - drals in

113

Mar - riz - burg, And con - gre - ga - tions high or low Were treat - ed

120

to a glor - i - ous show, It was the great - est church jam - bor - ee: Na -

127

tal had seen, — thank you Mac - ro - rie. If I were a Cas - so - wa - ry

, S & T Unison

132 **rit**

On the plains of Tim - - buc - - too. I would eat a

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**molto rall.** SATB

mis - sion - a - ry Cas - sock, coll - ar, hymn - - book too.