

THE VICAR OF BRAY

(England)

EDWARD WARD (1712)

Old air: The Country Garden

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Broadly and boldly

VOICE *mf*

1. In good King Char-les's gold-en days When loy-al-ty no
 2. When roy-al James ob-tain'd his crown, And Po-per-y grew in
 3. When Wil-liam was our king de-clared, To ease the na-tion's
 4. When gra-cious Anne be-came our queen, The Church of En-gland's

PIANO *mf*

8ves ad lib.

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harm meant, A zeal-ous High-church-man was I, And so I got pre-
 fash-ion, The pe-nal laws I hoot-ed down, And read the De-clar-
 griev-ance, With this new wind a-bout I steer'd, And swore to him al-
 glo-ry, An-oth-er face of things was seen, And I be-came a

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cresc.

fer-ment. To teach my flock I nev-er miss'd, Kings were by God ap-
 a-tion; The Church of Rome I found would fit Full well my con-sti-
 le-giance: Old prin-ci-ples I did re-voke, Set con-science at a
 To-ry. Oc-ca-sion-al con-form-ists base, I damnd their mod-er-

cresc.

point - ed, And dam - ned: are those that dare re - sist, Or touch the Lord's an -
 tu - tion; And I had been a Jes - u - it But for the Rev - o -
 dis - tance; Pas - sive o - be - dience was a joke, A jest was non - re -
 a - tion, And thought the Church in dan - ger was By such pre - var - i -

oint - ed.
 lu - tion. } And this is law that I'll main - tain Un - til my - dy - ing -
 sis - tance. }
 ca - tion. }

day, sir, That what - so - ev - er king may reign, Still I'll be the Vic - ar of Bray, sir.

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When George in pudding-time came o'er,
 And moderate men look'd big, sir,
 My principles I changed once more,
 And so became a Whig, sir.
 And thus preferment I procured
 From our new faith's defender,
 And almost every day abjured
 The Pope and the Pretender.
 And this is law etc.

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Th' illustrious house of Hanover
 And Protestant succession,
 To these I do allegiance swear
 While they can keep possession:
 For in my faith and loyalty
 I never more will falter,
 And George my lawful king shall be
 Until the times do alter.
 And this is law etc.