MATILDA TOOTS

"THE WATER NEXT CAME BUBBLING UP! CRASH! I SAW THE BOOTS, ALONE, ABOVE THE WATER, WHERE HAD GONE DOWN TILDA TOOTS."

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Moderato.

One frosty day on pleasure bent I strol'd in to the park... With

skates in hand up... on the ice to have a skating lark...
Some were whirling round like tops, some darting like a flash.

Others cut their names out, too, and others cut a dash. But

not alone was I that day, for there in fur-topped boots. And

four rows of pearl buttons, was my own Matilda Toots. Oh! my
own Matilda Toots, you should have seen her boots! Up-

- on the ice they look'd so nice, did the boots of Til-da Toots.

CHORUS.

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2
She had the prettiest pair of skates of highly polished steel,
And gracefully in chair she sat while I prepar'd to kneel
Down at her feet to put them on, by boring in the soles
Of those fur-topped pearl button'd boots the smallest gimlet holes;
But just as I upon my knee had got one of her boots,
A skater from behind upset me, chair, and 'Tilda Toots. Chorus.

3
As I, the chair, and 'Tilda Toots, were struggling in a heap,
A dozen skaters, more or less, came o'er us with a sweep.
Some went tumbling head o'er heels, others on the back,
When suddenly where 'Tilda lay the ice began to crack!
The water next came bubbling up! crash! I saw the boots,
Alone above the waters where had gone down 'Tilda Toots. Cho's.

4
"Scape ladders, grappling hooks, help! help!" I roared with all my might
A squad of gallant "Park Guides" then quickly hove in sight.
They ran a ladder cross the hole, the men aside I cast,
I scarcely think I touch'd a rail, I rush'd along so fast;
But I was there in time to save the soul of my pursuits,
For by those boots, those fur-topped boots, I dragg'd out 'Tilda Toots. Cho's.

5
With 'Tilda in my arms to the Refreshment House I flew—
They us'd the proper remedies, and quickly brought her to.
I call'd a cab and saw her home— and saving thus her life,
Matilda Toots agreed next day to be my darling wife;
And as the water did not spoil those fur-topped button'd boots,