

When Frederic Was a Little Lad

Ruth's air from *The Pirates of Penzance; or, The Slave of Duty* (contralto)

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When Fred'ric was a little lad
[ˌmɛn ˈfrɛd.ɹɪk wəz ʌ ˈlɪt.əl læd]

He proved so brave and daring,
[hi pruvd soːv breɪv ænd ˈdɛr.ɪŋ]

His father thought he'd 'prentice him
To some career seafaring.

