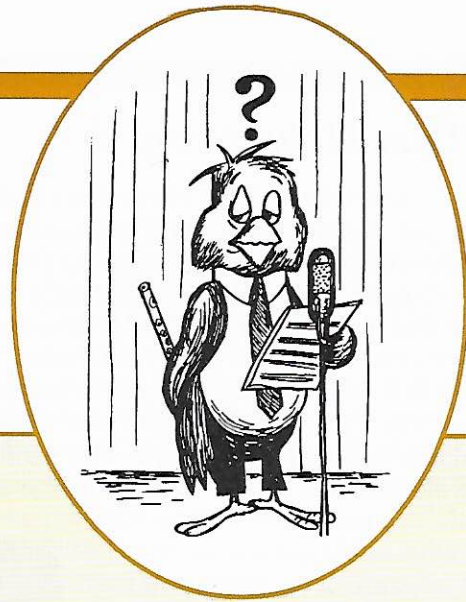


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Have you heard this one?

Willie Warble scheduled a piccolo lesson with William Hebert, and had great fun waiting for his lesson. While Willie waited, he overheard William Hebert telling a great story to Jeffery Zook...

One of the orchestra members in Cleveland, who shall remain nameless, took his pension and moved to a small village in Northern Ireland. He immediately sought out the local tavern, McSorly's pub, where he ordered three beers, took them over to a quiet corner table, and drank them in silence. When he finished, he ordered three more beers and again took them over to the corner to silently sip them. Next day, same thing. Again, day after that. All the other patrons were taking notice of this retired musician, who was ordering and drinking three beers at a time. They prevailed on the bartender to investigate why this newcomer had such a peculiar routine. The barkeep obliged. In a thick Irish brogue he asked, "You know, I don't mean to interfere, but do you think it's a little unusual that you're ordering three beers at a time?" "No," the fellow answered, "I come from a musical family, and I had one brother that immigrated to Europe for an orchestra job, and another that immigrated to Australia for the same thing. We made a pact before we left that whenever any one of us ordered a beer, we would order three in memory of our two brothers and our family bond." The bartender said, "Family--that's a great idea." So this went on for a long time and it became famous. Even foreigners came to the bar to watch this retired musician order three beers at a time. Finally, one day, he came in and ordered only two beers. The bartender was absolutely shocked. He gave him two beers, and the musician went to the corner, sat down, drank them, came back, and ordered another two beers. This went on for two or three days and finally the patrons went to the bartender and said, "Please, express our condolences to this man." So the bartender walks over to him and says, "You know, all of the patrons and myself wish to express our condolences to your loss of a family member." The musician replies, "Oh, no, my two brothers are both well and fine. It's just me, myself, have given up drinking for Lent."