

THE STORY OF A LITTLE COLT CALLED "ALFIE"

"LITTLE ALFIE"

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Set to music by Albert Coates.

1. This is the story of little Alfie, who lived in Kentucky, or Virginia or Maryland, on a big farm owned by Ole Cunnel Caraway, who also owned Alfie's mother, a beautiful English lady-horse .....
2. Alfie's father seems to have been a wandering Arab, I think he travelled with a circus .....
3. Well anyhow .....  
The mortgage on the Ole Cunnel's farm was just about to be foreclosed, and he was mighty unhappy, let me tell you .....
4. So there wasn't much time to look after little Alfie, and he got thin and all the other colts would stamp their feet and whinny at him.
5. This made Alfie very sad and he would run away from them very fast.
6. So Alfie's mother was unhappy too because the other colts picked on Alfie and he had to run so much.
7. Next door to the field where Alfie lived, was a big racetrack owned by Mr. Judson Olsley,
8. but Mr. Judson Olsley's horses never won any races, so he would just sit in his box and cry softly to himself.
9. And then one day was the Fourth of July .....  
There was an especially big race that day and lots and lots of people came.



10. And because it was the Fourth of July some soldiers came, too, and they brought a big cannon with them,
11. And fired it .....  
And scared hell out of Alfie ! .....
12. He was so scared that he jumped right over the fence on to Mr. Judson Olsley's racetrack.  
And he ran right through all the racehorses as though they were just standing still.
13. And all the jockeys and owners were awful mad because Alfie came in so far ahead of all their horses.
14. But not Mr. Judson Olsley ! .....
15. He was so amazed at how fast Alfie could run that he rushed right off to find Ole Cunnel .....
16. And he bought little Alfie from Ole Cunnel for a fabulous lot of money.  
It was enough to pay off the mortgage on the Ole Cunnel's farm, and that made the Ole Cunnel so happy .....
17. That he set up mint-juleps for everybody.  
Alfie's mother didn't have any mint-juleps, but she was happy anyhow 'cause she was so proud of Alfie.
18. And Mr. Judson Olsley was happy too, because Alfie became a famous racehorse and won lots and lots of races.  
There weren't any nasty colts to pick on Alfie any more, and he had his very own stable and a nice boy took care of him .....
19. "This is the end of our story, and I hope you, too, are as happy as Alfie's mother !"

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