

Lesson 6

READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

The Walnut Creek Croakers

Walter put on the black derby hat and slipped his watch into the pocket of his vest. It was almost time for the performance to begin. He hoped his group would qualify for the state finals.

Walter sang tenor with the Walnut Creek Croakers. They were a new Barbershop Quartet, and they had been working hard to perfect their style.

Walter had some qualms about the name of their group. He was not sure it had enough dignity. It was intended to be amusing, and the other members of the quartet liked it. They said that their name would be unforgettable.

The quartet strode onto the stage. Walter blew a note on the pitch pipe. They sang “On the Banks of the Wabash Far Away.” Their tones were pure. There wasn’t a dry eye in the place when they were finished.