One night Mortimer’s mother took him upstairs to go to bed—

thump thump thump thump thump.

thump thump thump thump thump thump.

When they got upstairs Mortimer’s mother opened the door to his room.

She threw him into bed and said,

“MORTIMER, BE QUIET.”

Mortimer shook his head, yes.
The mother shut the door.
Then she went back down the stairs—thump thump thump thump thump thump.

As soon as she got back downstairs
Mortimer sang,

Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang
Gonna make my noise all day.
Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang
Gonna make my noise all day.
Mortimer’s father heard all that noise. He came up the stairs—thump. thump. thump. thump. thump. thump. thump. thump. thump. thump. thump. thump.

He opened the door and yelled,

“MORTIMER, BE QUIET.”

Mortimer shook his head, yes.
The father went back down the stairs—thump thump thump thump thump thump.

As soon as he got to the bottom of the stairs Mortimer sang,

Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang
Gonna make my noise all day.
Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang
Gonna make my noise all day.