

Israel Putnam Brown

Plymouth, Vt. (1781 - 1867)

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Great - grand fa - ther Is - ra - el Brown
The town fa - thers of Ply - mouth, Ver - mont,
Is - rael Brown, of Ply - mouth, Ver - mont,

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court - ed the pret - ti - est girl in town.
called Is - rael in, as was their wont if
faced the town fa - thers and spoke non - cha - lant:

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She was fif - teen; he was n't much old - er, but
they per - ceived a threat to the town, and
"If this town will take care of it - self;

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11 good with his hands and broad in the should - er. The
 so they ad - mon - ished ls - ra - el Brown. self. The
 I'll un - der - take to take care of my - self.

13 Towns - peo - ple said it was a shame and a cau - tion;
 town fa - thers said, "Young man, you'll end up a pau - per." The
 ls - ra - el Brown went on to raise a large fam' ly.

15 Towns - peo - ple said the two were tread - ing thin ice.
 town fa - thers said, "You'll be on pub - lic sup - port."
 He and his wife were known on for miles a - round.

17 Mar - ry - ing young was just some ro - man - tic no - tion;
 "Why can't you wait? Why don't you do this thing pro - per? We
 Peo - ple for - got that there was ev - er a ques - tion

19 Both hope of their fam' lies were as
 bout you ls - won't make Brown, us the take rich - this
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 20 poor as church - mice... man in town.
 mat-ter to court..."