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Songs

Äling Bäling



Äling Bäling åt upp tjugi tjäling, Och vart int mätt endå. (x2)

Åt upp en häst, Drack upp ett träsk, Hoppa över hagen, Men just då sprack magen. (x2)

Translation:

"Äling Bäling (a troll) ate up twenty people, but still he wasn't full. He ate up a horse, drank up a swamp, then jumped over a wall, but just then his stomach burst open."

Deep lyrics indeed.

Anderson's Coast



Now Bass Strait roars like some great millrace And where are you, my Annie?

And the same moon shines on this lonely place As shone one day on my Annie's face.

But Annie dear, don't wait for me.
I fear I shall not return to thee.
There's naught to do but endure my fate,
And watch the moon, the lonely moon,
Light the breakers on wild Bass Strait.

We stole a vessel and all her gear And where are you, my Annie?

And from Van Diemen's we north did steer Till Bass Strait's wild waves wrecked us here.

And somewhere west Port Melbourne lies

And where are you, my Annie?

Through swamps infested with snakes and flies.

The fool who walks there, he surely dies.

We hail no ships, though the time it drags.

And where are you, my Annie?

Our chain-gang walk and our government rags.

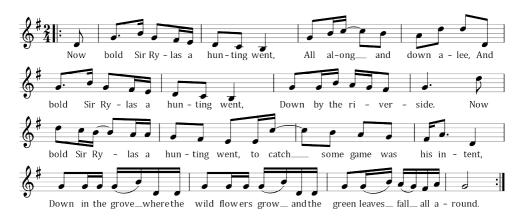
All mark us out as Van Diemen's lags.

We fled the lash and the chafing chain.

And where are you, my Annie?

We fled hard labour and brutal pain,
And here we are and here remain.

Bold Sir Rylas



Now bold Sir Rylas a-hunting went,

All along and down alee.

And bold Sir Rylas a-hunting went,

Down by the riverside.

Bold Sir Rylas a-hunting went,

To catch some game was his intent,

Down in the grove where the wild flowers grow And the green leaves fall all around.

Well, he spied a wild woman sitting in a tree,
All along and down alee.
Good lord, what brings you here? said she,
Down by the riverside.
Oh, there is a wild boar in this wood;
He'll eat your flesh and drink your blood.

Well, he put his horn unto his mouth,
All along and down alee.
And blew it east, north, west and south.
Down by the riverside.
The wild boar came out of his den,
Bringing his children nine or ten.

Then bold Sir Rylas the wild boar fell on, All along and down alee.

And bold Sir Rylas the wild boar fell on.

Down by the riverside.

He fought him three hours all the day Until the boar would have run away.

Oh, now you've killed my spotted pig, All along and down alee.

Oh, now you've killed my spotted pig, Down by the riverside.

Oh, there's three things I'd have of thee, Your horse and your hound and your fair lady.

Oh, now I've killed your spotted pig, All along and down alee.

Oh, now I've killed your spotted pig, Down by the riverside.

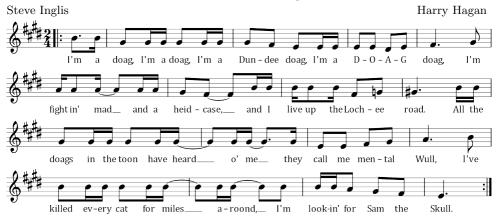
Oh, there's no thing you'll have of me, Not my horse nor my hound nor my fair lady.

Then bold Sir Rylas the wild woman fell on, All along and down alee.

And bold Sir Rylas the wild woman fell on, Down by the riverside.

He split her head down to her chin, You should have seen her kick and grin.

Dundee Doag



I'm a doag, I'm a doag, I'm a Dundee doag,
I'm a D, O, A, G, doag.
I'm fightin' mad and a heidcase,
and I live up the Lochee road
All the doags in the toon have heard o' me,
They call me mental Wull,
I killed every cat for miles aroond,
I'm lookin' for Sam the Skull.

There's a great big doag called Gnasher Bob
Wha lives here in Dundee,
Thought he was a hard man,
He was going tae challenge me.
Well I telt him it was suicide,
But still he widnae listen,
He's gaein' about on three legs noo,
And half his tackle's missin'.

I've a heid like an alligator,
And teeth like a dinosaur,
I'm fifteen stone wi' ma claes off,
Wi' feet like a tiger's paw.
They pit bulls and Alsatians,
They stay oot o' my way,
Rottweilers dinnae bother me,
Cos I eat one every day.

Last week I gaed tae Shettleston
Tae seek oot Sam the Skull,
They say he's moved and he's livin' wi' a bird
In a single end in Maryhill.
I phoned him on his mobile,
Said you and a' your team
If ye've balls to show, then we'll have a square go
In the middle of the Glasgae Green.

Next morning at the break o' dawn
Stood Sam and a' his team,
Just like the old O.K. Corral
In the middle of the Glasgae Green,
He came at me like a charging bull,
Said "You're just a mug",
He tried to tear ma een oot,
so I cut off half his lug.

He hit me wi' a baseball bat
That had a six inch nail,
He kneed me in the goolies,
so I bit off half his tail.
We kicked and bit and kicked and scratched,
For sixteen hours and mair,
The whiskers, blood and fur and guts,
Was fleein' everywhere.

We twa were feelin' knackered,
And so we did agree,
If I'd bide oot of Glasgae,
Then he'd stay oot Dundee.
We put awa' oor weapons,
We shook each other's paws.
Naebody won the fight that day,
They just called it a draw.

Farewell to Nova Scotia



Farewell to Nova Scotia, the sea-bound coast, Let your mountains dark and dreary be. For when I'm far away on the briny ocean tossed, Will you ever heave a sigh or a wish for me?

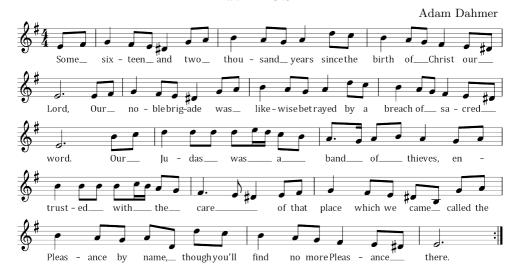
> The sun was setting in the west, The birds they sang on every tree. All nature seemed inclined for to rest But alas there was no rest for me.

I grieve to leave my native land, I grieve to leave my comrades all, And my aging parents whom I've always loved so dear, And the bonnie, bonnie lass that I do adore.

I have three brothers and they are at rest,
Their arms are folded on their chest.
But a poor simple sailor just like me,
Must be tossed and turned in the deep dark sea.

The drums they beat and the wars to alarm,
My captain calls, I must obey.
So farewell, farewell to Nova Scotia's charms,
For it's early in the morning and I'm far, far away.

Fuck EUSA



Some sixteen and two-thousand years
Since the birth of Christ our Lord
Our noble brigade was likewise betrayed
By a breach of sacred word
Our Judas was a band of thieves
Entrusted with the care
Of that place, whence we came, called the Pleasance by name
Though youll find no more Pleasance there

Though our foes of yore, they had promised before

That they always would honour our rights

Trusting all that we heard, we wrote down not a word

Thus began our descent into night

We join the ranks of those poor souls by Satans tongue misled

Though not fallen to hell, nor from Eden expelled

A most perilous path did we tread

So we looked high and low for place we might go
And at length made an end to our search
As so many before turned away from their doors
We have found our refuge in the Church
But though we no more roam still we long for a home
For a room of our own do we yearn
And let you, sir, take note though our enemies gloat
Even now do we plot our return!

We were driven forth in banishment
By the cruel usurpers hand
But onward well go and by action well show
Were beholden to nary a man
It is said all men are born in sin
And you, sir, prove it true
But our will it is strong
And youll know before long
We are mightier than (E) you (SA)

So if you, sir, think we wont outlast this decree
Let us think upon this rule:
Fa dheigh thig croch air an t-saoghail
Ach mairidh cel agus gaol
A saying of the Scottish Gael,
The truth of which is sure:
At last the Earth itself will end,
But music and love will endure.

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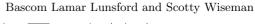
Gloomy December



Ance mair I hail thee, thou gloomy December!
Ance mair I hail thee wi' sorrow and care;
Sad was the parting thou makes me rememberParting wi' Nancy, oh, ne'er to meet mair!
Fond lovers' parting is sweet, painful pleasure,
Hope beaming mild on the soft parting hour;
But the dire feeling, O farewell for ever!
Is anguish unmingled, and agony pure!

Wild as the winter now tearing the forest,
Till the last leaf o' the summer is flown;
Such is the tempest has shaken my bosom,
Till my last hope and last comfort is gone.
Still as I hail thee, thou gloomy December,
Still shall I hail thee wi' sorrow and care;
For sad was the parting thou makes me remember,
Parting wi' Nancy, oh, ne'er to meet mair.

Good old mountain dew





My brother Bill runs a still on the hill
Where he turns out a gallon or two
And the buzzards in the sky get so drunk they can't fly
Just from sniffing that old mountain dew.

Well they call it that good old mountan dew, And them that refuse it are few. I'll hush up my mug if you'll fill up my jug With that good old mountain dew.

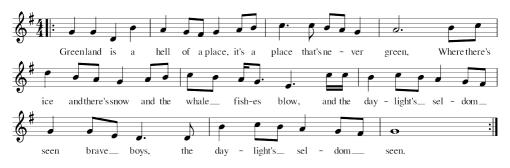
My uncle Mort, he is sawed off and short,
He measure 'bout four foot two,
But he thinks he's a giant when you give him a pint
Of that good old mountain dew.

The preacher walked by, with a tear in his eye
Said that his wife had the flu
And hadn't I ought just to give him a quart
Of that good old mountain dew

There's an old hollow tree, just a little way from me Where you lay down a dollar or two If you hush up your mug, then they'll give you a jug Of that good old mountain dew.

Mr. Franklin Roosevelt, he told me how he felt The day the old dry law went through: If your likker's too red, it will swell up your head Better stick to that good old mountain dew

Greenland (is a hell of a place)



Greenland is a hell of a place,
It's a place that's never green,
Where there's ice and snow, and the whale fishes blow,
And the daylight's seldom seen, brave boys,
The daylight's seldom seen.

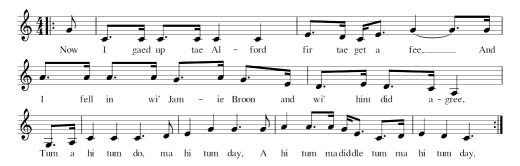
In eighteen hundred and sixty-four,
On June the thirteenth day,
Our gallant ship her anchor weighed,
And for Greenland sailed away, brave boys,
For Greenland sailed away.

Our captain stood on the quarter deck,
With a spy glass in his hand.
"There's a whale, there's a bloody great whale,
And she blows on every span, brave boys,
She blows on every span".

We hit that whale and the line paid out,
And she made a flounder with her tail,
And the boat capsized and ten men were drowned,
And we ne'er did catch that whale, brave boys,
We ne'er did catch that whale

Well, the losing of those ten brave men,
It grieves my heart full sore.
But the losing of that bloody great whale,
It grieves me ten times more, brave boys,
It grieves me ten times more

Guise o' Tough



Now I gaed up tae Alford fir tae get a fee, And I fell in wi' Jamie Broon and wi' him did agree

> Tum ma hi tum do ma hi tum day, A hi tum ma diddle tum ma hi tum day

I engaged wi' Jamie Broon in the year o' ninety-one, Tae gang hame an' ca' his second pair an' be his orraman

When I gaed hame tae Guise o' Tough 'twas on an evening clear, An' oot aboot some orra hoose the gaffer did appear

I'm the maister o' this place an' that's the mistress there, An' ye'll get plenty cheese an' breid an' plenty mair tae spare

I sat an' ate at cheese an' breid till they did roon' me stare, An' then I thocht that it wis time tae gang an' see my pair

I gaed tae the stable my pairie fir tae view, An' aye they were a dandy pair a chestnut and a blue

On the followin' mornin' I gaed tae the ploo, But lang lang ower lowsin' time my pairie gart me rue

My ploo she wisna workin' weel she widna throw the fur, The gaffer says a better yin at the smiddy tae gang fir

When I got hame the new ploo she pleased me unco weel, But I thought she wid be better gin she had a cuttin' wheel

I wrocht awa' a month or twa wi' unco little clatter, Till I played up some nasty tricks and broke the tattie chapper The gaffer he got word o' this and orders did lay doon, That if I did the like again he wad pit me frae the toon

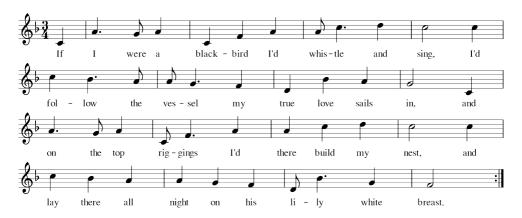
Noo my song is nearly ended and I won't sing any more, An' if be offended ye can walk ootside the door

Hey, ho, Nobody Home



Heigh, ho, nobody home, Meat, nor drink, nor money have I none, Yet, shall I be merry, very merry

If I were a Blackbird



If I were a blackbird, I'd whistle and sing, I'd follow the vessel my true love sails in, And on the top riggings, I'd there build my nest, And lay there all night on his lily white breast.

I am a young maiden and my story is sad, For once I was courted by a brave sailor lad, He courted me strongly by night and by day, But now my dear sailor is gone far away.

He promised to take me to Donnybrook fair, To buy me red ribbons to tie up my hair, And when he'd return from the ocean so wide, He'd take me and make me his own loving bride.

His parents they slight me and will not agree, That I and my sailor boy married should be, But when he comes home I will greet him with joy, And I'll take to my bosom my dear sailor boy.

Little Black Pony



When I was a boy I had no time,
No time for ceremonies,
All I wanted was to see the world
From the back of a little black pony,
From the back of a little black pony.

Mr. Lee lived across the street, had a daughter my age named Joanie. In the summertime wed build us a boat, We'd sail to the island Coney, We'd sail to the island Coney

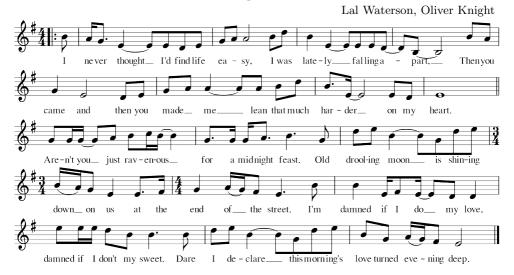
There used to be a medicine man come around,
Everybody called him a phony,
But I thought he was a king when I heard him ring
A big bell on the little black pony,
He was riding on a little black pony.

I said oh mister what can I give you,
I haven't got much money,
But I'll do anything even try to sing
If you'll let me have that pony,
I gotta have that little black pony.

He said son learn to play the banjo, All the old tunes happy and lonely, And I'll be back this way someday, And you can have that pony, You can have that little black pony. Well the old man he never came back,
But I never once thought he was a phony,
I just guess he must have realized,
He couldn't do without that pony,
He couldn't live without that little black pony.

Mr. Lee moved away and got a job in the city,
That's the last I saw of Joanie,
But I can't forget the cardboard boats,
And I still love little black ponies,
I still love little black ponies.

Midnight Feast



I never thought I'd find life easy,
I was lately falling apart.
Then you came, and then you made me
Lean that bit harder on my heart.

Aren't you just ravenous for a midnight feast.

Old drooling moon is shining down on us

At the end of the street.

I'm damned if I do my love, damned if I don't my sweet. Dare I declare this morning's love turned evening deep.

Well we went down the road, got soaked in moonlight,
Hedged in roses on either side.
And all was in our ears was the sound of the ocean,

All was in the distance was an indigo sky.

Come away with me, or leave me.

Come nearer me or go away.

Just the sound of your breathing,

Come a feeling worth feeling.

Come a summer's evening at the close of day.

The Moose Song



When I was a young lad I used to like girls, I'd fondle their bodies and play with their curls, But my girlfriend ran off with my ex-best friend Bruce, And you'd never get treatment like that a moose.

So it's moose, moose, I like a moose.
I've never had anything quite like a moose.
I've had many lovers, my morals are loose,
But I've never had anything quite like a moose.

So when I'm in the need for a really great lay,
I go to my bedroom and get me some hay,
I open the window and spread it around,
For a moose always comes when there's hay on the ground.

Now gorillas are fine for a Saturday night,
And lions and tigers put up a good fight,
But it just ain't the same when you slam that caboose
As the feeling you gets when you're humping a moose.

When I am an old man, advanced in my years, I'll look back on my life and I'll shed me no tears, I'll sit in my chair with a glass of vermouth, Playing hide the salami with my favourite Moose.

I've died, gone to heaven, my soul flees away, I show up at those gates with a bale of hay, St. Pete's bound to inquire as to my wicked grin, So I'll wind up in Hell fucking mooses again.

Oak and Ash and Thorn



Of all the trees that grow so fair, Old England to adorn, Greater are none beneath the sun Than oak, and ash, and thorn.

Sing oak, and ash, and thorn good sirs, All on a midsummer's morn. Surely we sing of no little thing, In oak, and ash, and thorn.

Oak of the clay lived many a day,
O'er ever Aeneas began.
Ash of the loam was a lady at home
When Brut was an outlaw man.
And thorn of the down saw new Troy town,
From which was London born,
Witness hereby the ancient try,
Of oak, and ash, and thorn.

Yew that is old, in churchyard mould,

He breedeth a mighty bow.

Alder for shoes do wise men choose,

And Beech for cups also.

But when you have killed, and you bowl it is filled,

And your shoes are clean outworn,

Back you must speed for all that you need

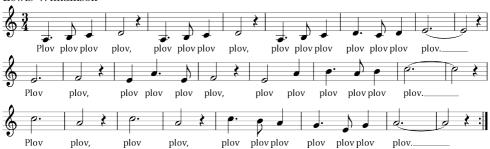
To oak, and ash, and thorn.

Elm, she hates mankind, and waits
Till every gust be laid,
To drop a limb on the head of him
That anyway trusts her shade,
But whether a lad be sober or sad,
Or mellow with ale from the horn,
He'll take no wrong when he lyeth along
'neath oak, and ash, and thorn.

Oh, do not tell the priest our plight,
Or he would call it a sin,
But we've been out in the woods all night,
A-conjuring summer in,
And we bring you good news by word of mouth,
good news for cattle and corn.
Now is the sun come up from the south,
By oak, and ash, and thorn.

Plov

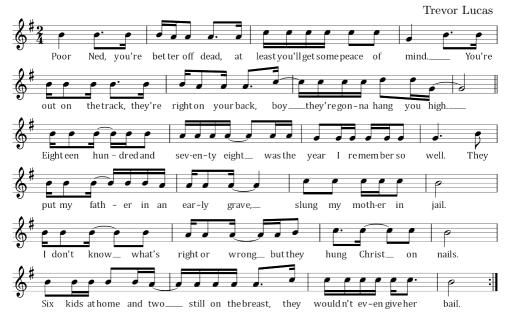




Plov plov,
Plov plov plov plov,
Plov plov plov plov plov plov.

Plov plov, Plov plov, Plov plov plov plov plov.

Poor Ned



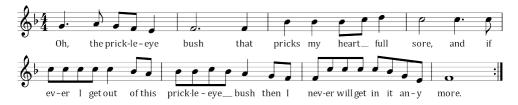
Poor Ned, you're better off dead, At least you'll get some peace of mind. You're out on the track, They're right on your back, Boy they're gonna hang you high.

Eighteen hundred and seventy eight
Was the year I remember so well.
They put my father in an early grave,
Slung my mother in gaol.
Now I don't know what's right or wrong,
But they hung Christ on nails.
Six kids at home and two still on the breast,
They wouldn't even give her bail.

You know I wrote a letter about Stringy-Bark Creek
So they would understand
That I might be a bushranger
But I'm not a murdering man.
I didn't want to shoot Kennedy
Or that copper Lonnigan.
He alone could have saved his life
By throwing down his gun

You know they took Ned Kelly
And they hung him in the Melbourne jail.
He fought so very bravely
Dressed in iron mail,
And no man single-handed
Can hope to break the bars.
It's a thousand like Ned Kelly
Who'll hoist the flag of stars

Prickle Eye Bush



Oh, the prickle-eye bush
That pricks my heart full sore,
And if ever I get out of this prickle-eye bush
Then I never will get in it any more.

Oh hangman, stay your hand,
Stay it for a while,
For I think I see my sister
Coming over yonder stile.
Oh sister, have you brought me gold?
Or silver to set me free?
For to save my body from the cold, cold ground
And my neck from the gallows tree.
Oh no, I have not brought you gold
Or silver to set you free
For to save your body from the cold, cold ground
And your neck from the gallows tree.

Oh hangman, stay your hand,
Stay it for a while,
For I think I see my mother
Coming over yonder stile.
Oh mother, have you brought me gold?
Or silver to set me free?
For to save my body from the cold, cold ground
And my neck from the gallows tree.
Oh no, I have not brought you gold
Or silver to set you free
For to save your body from the cold, cold ground
And your neck from the gallows tree.

Oh hangman, stay your hand,
Stay it for a while,
For I think I see my one true love
Coming over yonder stile.
Oh love, have you brought me gold?
Or silver to set me free?
For to save my body from the cold, cold ground
And my neck from the gallows tree.
Oh yes, I have brought you gold
And silver to set you free
For to save your body from the cold, cold ground
And your neck from the gallows tree.

Railway station porter



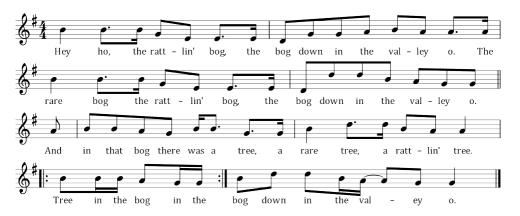
Oh I am a railway porter and ma name is Willie Lee, I'm the most important person that you're ever like tae see. I'm in charge of a' the stations frae Dumbarton tae Dundee, And my duty is tae tell ye where ye change for.

Ye change for Auchtermuchty, Tilly or Tuchty, Crieff or Cullercoats, Fife or John o' Groats, Beecham's Pills or Quaker Oats. Change for Ecclefechan, Aiberdeen and a' the stations in between Unless ye want tae gang tae Tobermory.

Ye should see me hurl ma barrow, ye should see me sweep the flair, If there's no a tip forthcoming ye should hear me curse and swear, When a train comes in the station, ma heid flees in the air, And I cry wi' a' ma might "Ye've got tae change here."

Well, one day the Royal Train drew in, ma heart was full of pride, I keeked in through the windae, and wha d'ye think I spied? Her Majesty the Queen herself, the Duke was sittin' by her side, So I cried, wi' a' ma might "Ye've got tae change here."

Rattlin' Bog



Hey, ho, the rattlin' bog, The bog down in the valley o. The rare bog, the rattlin' bog, The bog down in the valley o.

Well in the bog there was a tree, A rare tree, a rattlin' tree, Tree in the bog, In the bog down in the valley o.

Well on that tree there was a limb,
A rare limb, a rattlin' limb,
Limb on the tree,
And the tree in the bog,
In the bog down in the valley o.

Well on that limb there was a branch,
A rare branch, a rattlin' branch,
Branch on the limb,
And the limb on the tree,
And the tree in the bog,
In the bog down in the valley o.

Well on that branch there was a twig...

Well on that twig there was a leaf...

Well on that leaf there was a nest...

Well in that nest there was an egg...

Well on that egg there was a bird...

Well on that bird there was a wing...

Well on that wing there was a feather...

Well on that feather there was a flea...

Rocky Top



Wish that I was up on Rocky Top
Down in the Tennessee hills.

Ain't no smoggy smoke on Rocky Top,
Ain't no telephone bills.

Once I had a girl on Rocky Top,
Half bear, the other half cat,
Wild as a mink but sweet as soda pop,
I still dream about that

Oh, Rocky Top, you'll always be Home sweet home to me. Good ol' Rocky Top, Rocky Top, Tennessee, Rocky Top, Tennessee. Once two strangers climbed ol' Rocky Top
Looking for a moonshine still.
Strangers ain't come down from Rocky Top,
Reckon they never will.
Corn won't grow at all on Rocky Top,
Dirts to rocky by far.
That's why all the folks on Rocky Top
Get their corn from a jar.

I've had years of cramped up city life
Trapped like a duck in a pen
All I know is it's a city life
Can't be simple again

Shady Grove



Shady Grove, my little love, Shady Grove I say, Shady Grove, my little love, I'm bound to go away.

Cheeks as red a a blooming rose And eyes are the prettiest brown. She's the darling of my heart, Sweetest girl in town.

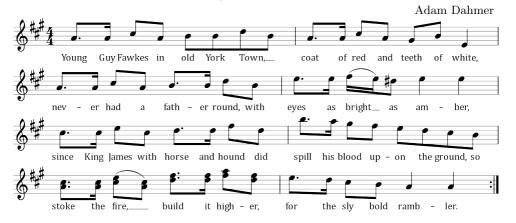
I wish I had a big fine horse
And corn to feed him on
And Shady Grove to stay at home
And feed him while I'm gone.

Went to see my Shady Grove, She was standing in the door Her shoes and stockin's in her hand And her little bare feet on the floor.

When I was a little boy I wanted a Barlow knife And now I want little Shady Grove To say she'll be my wife.

A kiss form pretty little Shady Grove Is sweet as brandy wine There ain't no girl in this old world That's prettier than mine.

The Sly Bold Rambler



Young Guy Fawkes in old York town,

Coat of red and teeth of white,

Never had a father round

With eyes as bright as amber,

Since King James, with horse and hound

Did spill his blood upon the ground.

So stoke the fire, Build it higher, For the sly bold rambler.

Such for James was his disdain,

Coat of red and teeth of white,

Off he went to fight for Spain.

With eyes as bright as amber,

He slew the English East and West

But to kill their king he wanted best.

Five years shy of sixteen-ten,
Coat of red and teeth of white,
He formed a band of merry men.
With eyes as bright as amber,
To slay the king, as was their bent,
Theyd blow away the parliament!

On Novembers half-tenth day,

Coat of red and teeth of white,

In the cellar Fawkes did stay,

With eyes as bright as amber,

Guarding barrels, for to light

When down came the guard in the dead of night.

Though he was of Scots descent,

Coat of red and teeth of white,

To hide the fact was his intent,

With eyes as bright as amber,

So he said it was his plan

To blow the king to his native land.

Sixth November he did flee.

Coat of red and teeth of white,
Though he was under lock and key,
With eyes as bright as amber,
Escape from cells designed for men
Is not beyond a foxs ken.

They could not admit hed fled Coat of red and teeth of white,
Or the guards would lose their heads,
With eyes as bright as amber,
And the thought they did so dread
That they killed another in his stead.

Old king James called for fte,

Coat of red and teeth of white,

And the bonfires all were lit.

With eyes as bright as amber,

In the flames Guy Fawkes did go,

But not the real one, dont you know!

And his years were long and many,

Coat of red and teeth of white,

At a manse near Auchendinny.

With eyes as bright as amber,

Still he lives there, so they say

Though old King James has passed away.

Listen, children, unto me,

Coat of red and teeth of white,

As you burn Guys effigy.

With eyes as bright as amber,

Chase your dreams on widespread wings

And never fear the wrath of kings.

Swedish Beauty Contest



There was a beauty contest in town,
All the old hags they were there,
They were so ugly that you could die.
No one won.

Original Swedish version:

Det var skönhetstävling på byn. Alla kärringar de var där. De vart så fula att man kunn dö. Ingen vann.