

The Pope

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Con spirito

Melody

1. The Pope he leads a jol - ly life, jol - ly life, He's

He drinks the best of
free from ev - 'ry care and strife, care and strife, He drinks the best of Rhen - ish
He drinks the best of
best of Rhen-ish

Rhen - ish wine,
wine, — I would the Pope's gay life were mine! He drinks the
Rhen - ish wine,
wine, —

He drinks the best of Rhen - ish wine,
best of Rhen-ish wine, — I would the Pope's gay life were mine!
He drinks the best of Rhen - ish wine,
best of Rhen-ish wine, —

2. But he don't lead a jolly life;
He has no maid or blooming wife,
He has no son to raise his hope—
Oh no! I would not be the Pope.

3. The Sultan better pleases me;
His life is full of jollity,
His wives are many as he will—
I fain the Sultan's throne would fill.

4. But still he is a wretched man,
He must obey the Alcoran,
He dare not drink one drop of wine;
I would not change his lot for mine.

5. So, when my sweetheart kisses me,
I'll think that I'd the Sultan be;
And when my Rhenish wine I tope,
Oh, then I'll think that I'm the Pope.