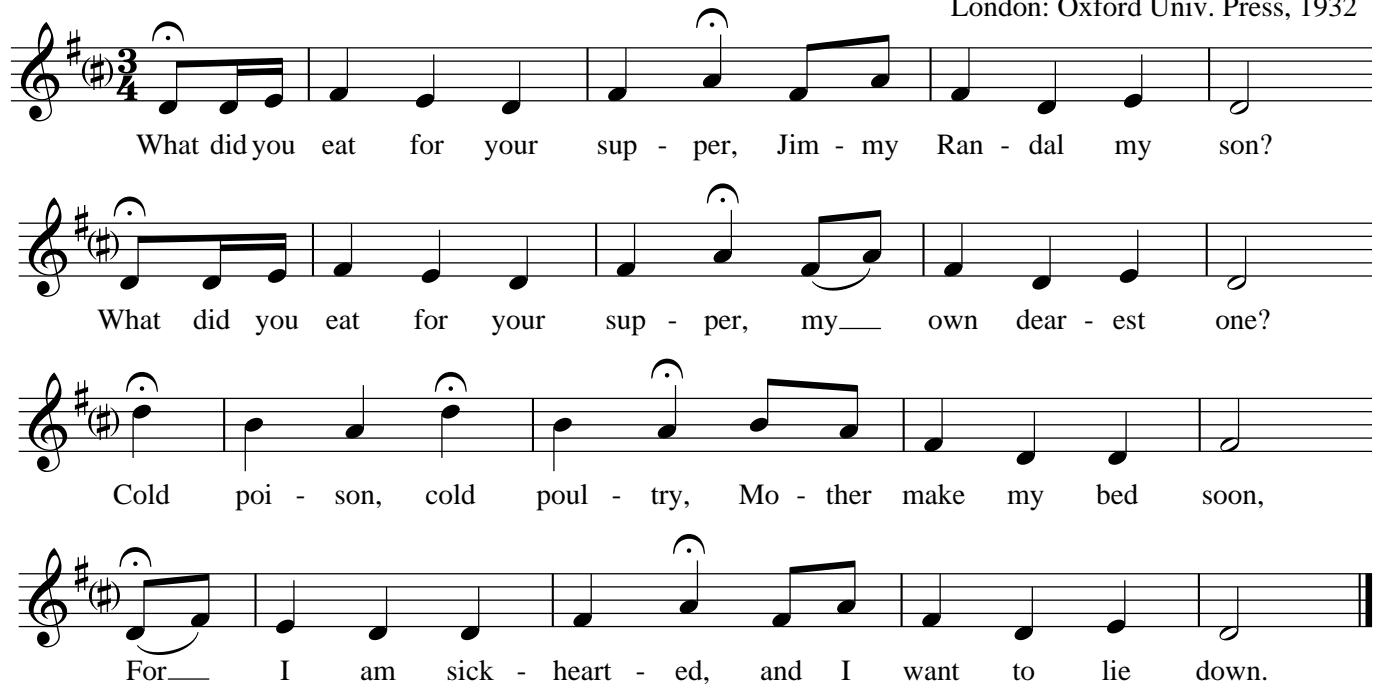


Lord Randal

Informant/Performer:
Mrs. Mary Sands
Allanstand, NC, 1916

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Cecil J. Sharp
*English Folk Songs from
the Southern Appalachians*
Maud Karpeles, ed.
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What did you eat for your sup - per, Jim - my Ran - dal my son?

What did you eat for your sup - per, my own dear - est one?

Cold poi - son, cold poul - try, Mo - ther make my bed soon,

For I am sick - heart - ed, and I want to lie down.

2. What will you will to your mother, Jimmy Randal my son?
What will you will to your mother, my own dearest son?
My gold and my silver, Mother make my bed soon,
For I am sick-hearted and I want to lie down.

3. What will you will to your father?
My mules and my wagons.

4. What will you will to your sister?
My land and my houses.

5. What will you will to your brothers?
My trunks and my clothing.

6. What will you will to your sweetheart?
Two tushes bullrushes and them both parched brown,
For she is the cause of my lying down.

Background Information

The ballad of "Lord Randal" is very widely distributed. Besides English-Scottish, Italian, and American versions, evidences of this ballad have been reported from Germany, Holland, Scandinavia, the Baltic States, Iceland, the Setu people, the Magyars, and the Wends.

The Ballad Book of John Jacob Niles