

Old Kimball

Informant/Performer:
Texas Gladden
Salem, VA, 1941

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1. Old Kim-ball was a grey mare, Old Nel-lie was a brown.

Old Kim-ball beat Old Nel-lie on the ve-ry first go-round.

Freely
Chorus:

And I see and I see

And I see on the fourth day of Ju - ly.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes a key signature change to 2/4 time for the final phrase. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined. A bracket indicates the chorus section.

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

* alternate note: A

2. His bridle made of silver,
His saddle made of gold,
And the value of his harness
It has never yet been told.
(Chorus)
3. I'll get up in my buggy
With my line in my hand.
Good morning, young lady,
Good morning, young man.
4. I often have wondered
What makes women love men,
Then looked back and wondered
What makes men love them.
(Chorus)
5. They have caused you hard labor,
They have caused you downfall,
They have caused you hard labor
All behind the old jail wall.
(Chorus)