

# The Bold Keeper

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It's of a bold keeper in the chase of his deer,  
 He courted a nobleman's daughter so fair.  
 If you are as willing to church we will ride  
 And there we'll get married brave lady of mine.

And as they were riding through meadows so wide  
 With broad sword and buckler hung down by his side,  
 There he met her father and twenty brave men,  
 And each with a broad sword drawn ready in hand.

"So now it's bold keeper, don't you stand to prattle,  
 I see by their movements they means for a battle."  
 They cut and they slain till the ground they stood on,  
 And she held the horse for bold keeper.

"So now it's bold keeper, come pray hold my hands  
 You'll have my daughter, ten thousands in hand."  
 (repeat tune of lines 1-2)  
 "Oh no, dearest father, it's too small of sum."  
 "You'll hold your tongue daughter, your will shall be done.  
 If you are as willing to church you will ride  
 And there you'll get married, brave lady of mine."

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