

The Duggle Taggle Gypsies

There were sev-en gyp - sies all of a row, and they were as brisk and bon - ny oh

And they went down to the new cas - tle hall and

there they — sang most — lo - - ry oh, and lo - - ry oh.

2. They sang so high and sang so low,
 And down-stairs came a lady oh,
 And across her shoulders a blanket did throw
 To follow the duggle taggle gypsies oh.
 etc

3. The young lord came home at night
 Enquiring for his lady oh
 When the housemaid gave him this reply
 To follow the duggle taggle gypsies oh
 etc

4. 'Oh saddle to me my milk-white steed,
 Oh, saddle me the best indeed
 That I may follow after my new-wedded wife,
 That's gone with the gypsy laddie-oh.'

5. Then he rode high and he rode low
 Till he came to the site of the gypsies-oh
 And there he found his new-wedded wife
 Along with the gypsy laddie-oh

6. 'Will you forsake your houses and land
 Will you forsake your money-oh
 Will you forsake your new-wedded lord
 And go with the gypsy laddie-oh?'

7. 'Oh, what cares I for houses and land
 Oh, what cares I for money, so
 What cares I for my new-wedded lord
 For I've gone with the gypsy laddie-oh.'

8. 'Last night you lay in a goose-feather bed
 With your new-wedded lord all by your side
 And tonight you'll lie in a cold open field
 With the duggle-taggle gypsies by your side.'

Source: William Ballinger, aged 80, Gloucester, 1957, collected by Brian Ballinger

Notes: Only 3 verses were collected from Mr Ballinger so that remainder has been provided from a version sung by George Lane, Winchcombe.

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