

The Gypsy Laddie

$\text{♩} = 100$ (a) (b)

1. Se-ven gyp-sies sing-ing at the door and they sang high and bon-ny - o ____

They sang high and they sang low and charm-ed the heart of the la - dy - o, the

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(a) Variant verse 2 onwards (b) Variant

She pulled off her sil - ken gown...

2. She pulled off her silken gown
Round her shoulders a blanket wound
And resolv-(ed) this night to go
Along with the gypsy laddie-o etc
3. At seven o'clock the lord came home,
An' asked for his lady-o.
The servants then gave thus reply
'She's gone with the gypsy laddie-o.' etc
4. 'Then saddle me my milk-white steed.
Bridle it up quite bonny-o
Then saddle you the best nag too.
We'll follow the gypsy laddy-o.' etc
5. They rode high and they rode low
'Till they came in sight of the gypsies-o.
There they spied his gay lady
Along with the gypsy laddie-o, etc
6. 'Will you return to your house and land?
Will you return to your money-o?
Will you return to your own wedded lord,
Or gang (sic) with the gypsy laddie-o? etc
7. 'What cares I for me house an' land
What cares I for me money-o?
What cares I for me new-wedded lord?
I'll gang with the gypsy laddie-o, etc

8. 'Last night I lay on a new feather bed,
With a new-wedded lord by my side-o.
Tonight I must lie in the cold open air
Along with the gypsy laddie-o.' etc

9. 'I'll return to my house and land
I'll return to my money-o.
I'll return to my new-wedded lord
An' farewell to the daggie-tailed gypsies-o.' etc

Source: Sung by William Hands, Willersey and learnt from his father in Chipping Campden 40 years previously. Collected by James Madison Carpenter between 1927 and 1935.

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