

Grey Goose (The Fox)



1. The fox went out in a hun - gry plight and he bayed [sic] of the moon to
give him light for he had ma - ny miles to trot that night be - - fore he could reach his
den-o, den-o, den-o, he had ma - ny miles to trot that night be - fore he could reach his den-o.

2. At first he came to the farmer's yard
Where the ducks and the geese declared it hard
That their nerves should be shaken and their rest be marred
By the visit of Mr Fox-o, etc
3. He took the grey goose by the neck
And swung her all across his back
And the black duck cried out 'Quack, quack, quack'
With his legs a-dangling down-o, etc
4. Old mother Slipper Stopped jumped out of bed
And out of the window she popped her head.
Saying 'John, John, John, the grey goose is gone,
And the fox is off to his den-o' etc
5. Then John he went to the top of the hill
And he blew a blast both loud and shrill.
Said the fox 'This [is] pretty music, still
I'd rather be at me den-o' etc
6. So when he sat down with his hungry wife
They did very well without fork or knife
For they never ate a better goose in all their life
And the little ones picked the bones-o etc

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