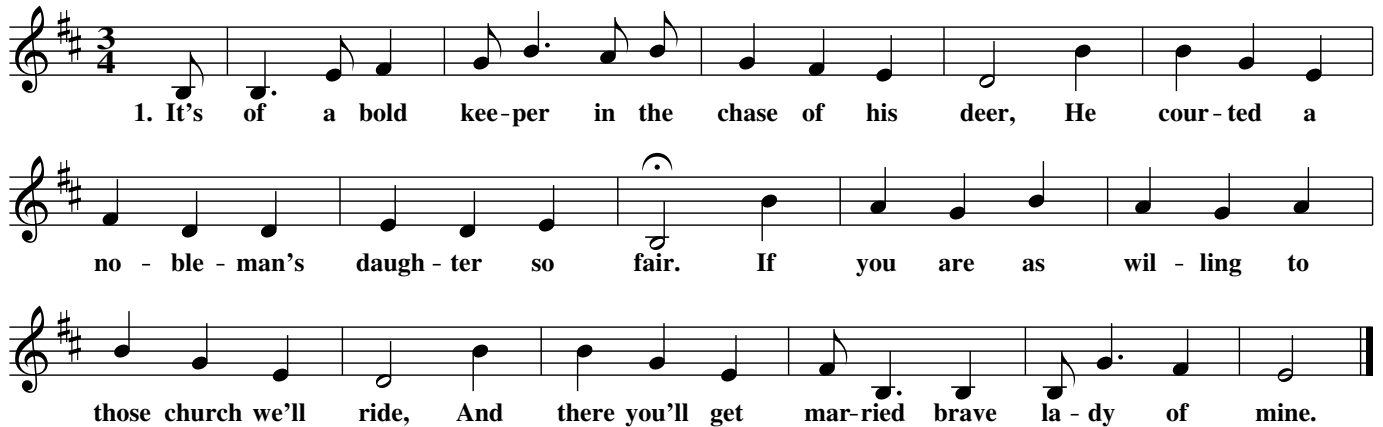


The Bold Keeper



1. It's of a bold keeper in the chase of his deer, He courted a
no - ble - man's daugh - ter so fair. If you are as wil - ling to
those church we'll ride, And there you'll get mar-ried brave la - dy of mine.

2. As they were riding through meadows so wide
With a broad sword and buckle hung down by his side,
There he met her father and twenty brave men,
With a broad glittering sword drawn ready in hands.
3. "Now it's bold keeper, don't you stand to prattle,
I can see by the movements they means for a battle."
They cut and they slain till the ground they stood on,
And the lady held the horse for bold keeper.
4. "Now it's bold keeper, come pray hold my hands
You shall 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 those church you'll ride
And there you'll get married, brave lady of mine."

Source: Sung by Harry Brazil, Sandhurst Gloucester. Collected by Gwilym Davies 18/02/1978.