

Three Dukes

Here come three dukes a - - ri - - ding, a - - ri - - ding, a - - ri - - ding, Here
come three dukes a - - ri - - ding, ra - zi - mia, ta - zi - mia, ti - za - mia tee

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Here come three dukes a - - ri - - ding, a - - ri - - ding, a - - ri - - ding, Here'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'come three dukes a - - ri - - ding, ra - zi - mia, ta - zi - mia, ti - za - mia tee'. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with some dotted rhythms.

1. Here come three dukes a-riding
razimia, tazimia, tizamia tee
2. What is your good will sirs?
3. Our good will is to marry
4. Which of us will you have sirs?
5. You're all as black as tinkers
6. We're all as white as you sirs
7. You're all as stiff as pokers
8. We can bend as well as you sirs

At the end of verse 8, Sharp wrote: "Name one and take her off and then begin again"

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