

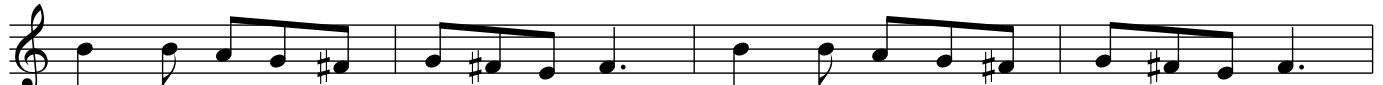
Somerset Fair




Oh way down in Som-er-set-shire, We had some won-der-ful doi-ings last Sat-ur-day,



We had the an-nu-al fair, All of them lads and them lass-es were there.



Such fine do-ings you nev-er did see, Some of them bull-ocks were fatt-er than



There were lambs and sheep and rams, don-keys and pigs, and with our Bill my broth-er, At



Som-er-set Fair, der-ry oh ra-ry at Som-er-set fair, der-ry oh mare.



There were co-co-nut shy-ing and young George kept on a-try-ing to



send them co-co-nuts fly-ing, but 'e could-n't hit one I dec--lare. _____ 'E

(a)



picked up a ball just to aim at Aunt Sal-ly, but hit his Aunt Bet-sy in Som-er-set Fair.

(a) Alternate last bar



2: Outside one of the shows

Some fellow cried out "Have 'em on with the n****r, (b)"
And Old Giles went up to fight,
Well there'll be a stranger in heaven tonight.
Oh the fat lady's show as a draw,
She was the fattest girl you ever saw,
She were plump, a lovely lump,
Twenty got killed in the rush foradmission, In
Somerset Fair, derry oh lerry, in
Somerset Fair, derry oh there.
It were a penny to see her,
And it were twopence to squeeze her,
And it were fourpence to cuddle
And canoodle her, aye aye!
Old Ebenezer sold three of his bullocks,
But he's not come back yet now from Somerset Fair.

(b) As sung - suggested alternative: "Have a fight with the boxer"

3. Oh the merry-go-rounds,

Abey kept treating his wife on the hosses,
And she fell, breaking her jaw,
As Abey was treating his mother-in-law.
Young Betsy Spriggins went up in the swing,
Some people said "What a forward young thing",
Up she'd go, the wind did blow,
That's why the parson kept looking at ...heaven
At Somerset Fair, Darry oh Rarry,
At Somerset Fair, Darry do there.
While that swing were a-rocking,
Well she showed plenty of stocking,
The parson murmured "'Tis shocking
What fancy things women do wear!"
The squire looked up and whispered quite merr'ly
"There's lots o' things to see down at Somerset Fair."

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