




New Mown Hay O



1. As I walked _ out one bright May morn, All ___ in the month of



May O, And ___ there I met with a pre - - tty girl, All



by some new mown _ hay ___ O, The ri fol the di - ddle all the day.

2. I said, "Pretty maid shall I lay you down,
All on this new mown hay O?"
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All on this new mown hay O?"
The ri fol the di-ddle all the day.

3. "There is a dew upon the ground,
That'll spoil my silken gown O,
That out of my own father's purse,
Cost many a pound and crown O,"
The ri fol the di-ddle all the day.

4. He says, "There's a wind blows from the West,
That will blow the dew away O,
And I will put on my riding coat,
To lay on this new mown hay O,"
The ri fol the di-ddle all the day.

5. "If you will come to my father's hall,
That is walled all around O,
There you shall have your will of me,
Upon some bed of down O,"
The ri fol the di-ddle all the day.

6. When they came to her father's hall,
That was walled all around O,
She pulled at the bell and in she slipped,
And locked this false man out O,
The ri fol the di-ddle all the day.

7. "When you met with me it was all alone
You thought you had met with a fool, sir,
You may take your bible on your arm
And go a little longer to school, sir,"
The ri fol the di-ddle all the day.

8. "You may pull off your shoes and hose,
And let your feet go bare O,
And if ever you meet with a pretty girl,
You touch her if you dare O,"
The ri fol the di-ddle all the day.

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