

When I was a Young Man (The Drunkard)

Oh when I was a young man I was in all my de - light, I was
drink - ing and a - - smok - ing boys, From morn - ing un - - to night, For
when I spend my store boys how can I spend an - y more, For
when I spend my store boys, Then I'll bold - ly work for more.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line ends with a comma, and the second line ends with a period. The third line ends with a comma, and the fourth line ends with a double bar line.

So I walked into the public house and I called for a pint of the best
And the landlady she looked at me, and she brought me in the slops
And that-s what caused me in my rags and she all in her silks
So good Lord how that landlady, how she did gaze on me.

Source: Sung by Wiggy Smith at Wiggy's caravan, Elmstone Hardwicke, 11th August, 1994.
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