

The Cock Fled Up In The Yew Tree

The cock fled up in the yew tree, the hen came flut-ter-ing by. _____ I
wish you a mer - ry Christ - mas and a big fat pig in the sty. _____ The
roads are ve - - ry dir - - ty, my shoes are ve - - ry clean[Thin];— I've
got a lit - - tle poc - - ket to put a pen - ny in. _____ If you
hav - en't got a pen - - ny, a ha' - - p'ny will do. _____ If you
hav - - en't got a ha' - - p'ny God bless you.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. There are several blank lines (represented by underscores) at the end of some phrases, likely indicating where a singer might breathe or where the music continues. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Spoken: And I wish you a merry Christmas.

Source: Sung by Stan (80) & Gwen Partridge (78) of Cinderford. Collected by Roy & Pat Palmer 14 July 1994