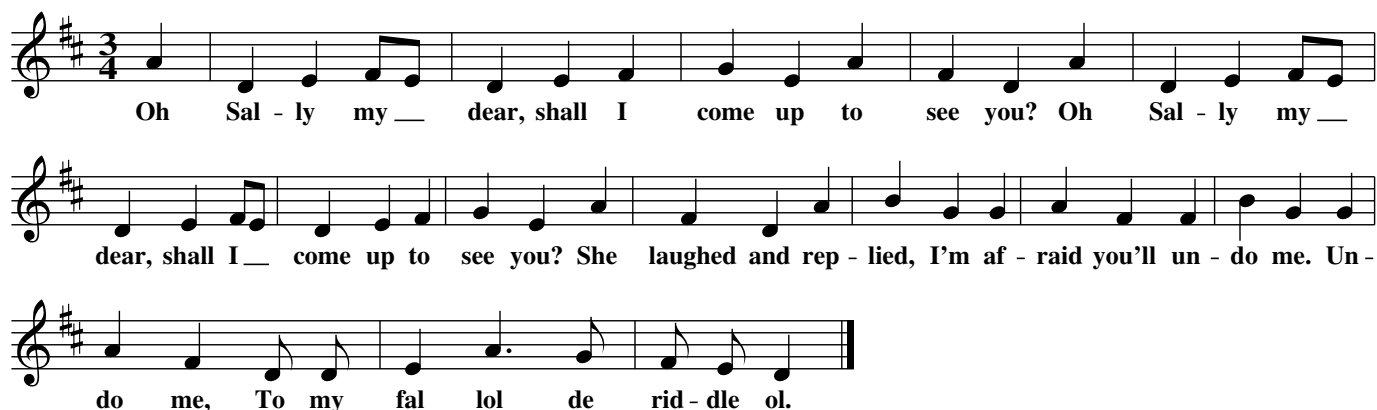


Sally my Dear

Hares on the Mountains



Oh Sal - ly my ___ dear, shall I come up to see you? Oh Sal - ly my ___
dear, shall I ___ come up to see you? She laughed and rep - lied, I'm af - raid you'll un - do me. Un -
do me, To my fal lol de rid - dle ol.

2. "O Sally my dear, why I will not undo you."
She laughed and replied "You may come to bed to me."
3. "O Sally my dear, I cannot undo my britches,
She laughed and replied: "Take a knife and rip stitches."
4. "O Sally my dear, I cannot undo them,
She laughed and replied: "There's a knife in the window."
5. Now he took off his britches and into bed tumbled,
I leave you to guess how that young couple fumbled.
6. If blackbirds was blackbirds as thrushes is thrushes,
How soon the young me would go beating the bushes.
7. Should young women be hares and race round the mountains,
Young men'd take guns and they'd soon go a-hunting
8. Should young women be ducks and should swim round the ocean,
Young men would turn drakes and soon follow after.

Source: Sung by James Harding, Stow-on-the-Wold (tune and chorus only). Collector Cecil Sharp on 28 March 1907. Other words from Jack Barnard, Bridgewater, Somerset, collected by Cecil Sharp, 1 April 1906. Sharp only collected the tune and the chorus for this song. He noted it as a version of "Sally, my dear" but the words do not seem to scan easily, so the words supplied are a compromise.