

Raggle Taggle Gypsies

[1. There were seven gyp - sies all of a row, and they were as brisk and bon - ny oh
But to - night you will sleep on an old bag of straw, A - long with the rag-gle-tag-gle gyp-sies -oh.]

[2.They sang so high and sang so low,
And down-stairs came a lady oh,
And across her shoulders a blanket did throw
To follow the daggle taggle gypsies oh.]

[3.The young lord came home at night
Enquiring for his lady oh,
When the housemaid gave him this reply
To follow the daggle taggle gypsies oh.]

[4.'Oh saddle to me my milk-white steed,
Oh, saddle me the best indeed
That I may follow after my new-wedded wife,
That's gone with the gypsy laddie-oh.']

[5.Then he rode high and he rode low
Till he came to the site of the gypsies-oh
And there he found his new-wedded wife
Along with the gypsy laddie-oh.]

[6.'Will you forsake your houses and land
Will you forsake your money-oh
Will you forsake your new-wedded lord
And go with the gypsy laddie-oh?']

[7.'Oh, what cares I for houses and land
Oh, what cares I for money, so
What cares I for my new-wedded lord
For I've gone with the gypsy laddie-oh.']

8. 'Last night you lay on a good feather bed
With a good true love by the side of you.
But tonight you will sleep on an old bag of straw
Along with the raggle taggle gypsies-oh.

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Miss Bishop only sang one verse (verse 8) to the collector. The remaining verses
are from other Gloucestershire versions.