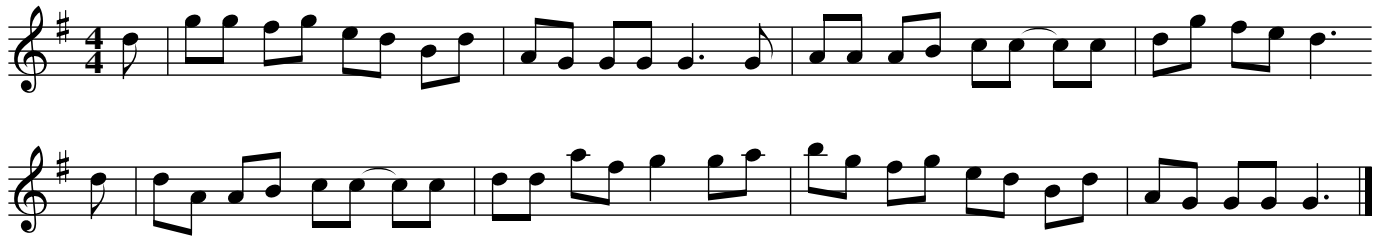


The Drummer Boy



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So boldly I did fight, when I was but a wench

In pulling off my britches, to myself I often smiled
To think I lay with a man, and a maiden all the while.

And if the duke is short of men, before the French are slain
So boldly I will march and fight for him again.

Source: Mrs Mary Hawker, Broad Campden, collected by Percy Grainger 17th November 1907.

Notes: Mrs Hawker told Grainger "It was in the French war. This girl went after her lover as a drummer boy laying with the rest of the soldiers. Don't know whether she found her lover or no."

The words on the recording are very indistinct

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