

When Jones's Ale Was New

There was six jo - vi - al fel - lows _____ Went o - ver the hills to - - ge - ther _____

Went o - ver the hills to - - ge - ther _____ To join this jo - - vial crew _____

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They called for bot - tles and bot - tles of sh - erry to help them o - ver the hills so mer - ry

To help them o - ver the hills so mer - ry, When Jo - nes's ale was new my boys

When Jo - nes's ale was new _____

Variant, bars 10 - 12 for verses 2, 3 and 5

2. Now the first to come in was a hatter
 No man I'm sure could be fatter, (twice)
 To join this jovial crew.
 For he flung his old hat upon the ground
 And swore every man should spend a crown
 To drink success to all around
 When Jones's ale was new, my boys,
 When Jones's ale was new.

3. Now the next to come in was a soldier
 No man I'm sure could be bolder (twice)
 To join this jovial crew.
 For the landlord's daughter she came in
 She tickled him under the lips and chin
 And the pints and pots came rolling in
 When.....

4. Now the next to come in was a tinker
And he was no small beer drinker (twice)
To join this jovial crew.
Have you got any pots and kettles to fettle?
Me rivets are made of the best of metal
And all your old holes I could very soon fettle.
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5. Now the next to come in was a dyer
He sat himself down by the fire (twice)
To join this jovial crew.
And the landlord told him to his face
The chimney corner was his place
And there he could sit and dye his old face.
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Source: Harry Illes, Lower Swell, 1957, collected by Peter Kennedy

Notes: The singer learnt this song from Albert Teale, a fiddler.

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