

## There Was a Little Man

The image shows a musical score for the song 'There Was a Little Man'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a bracketed phrase: '[There was a li-ttle man] and he had a li-ttle gun and his bu-llets was made of'. The second staff continues: 'lead. He went to the brook where he shot a li-ttle duck, right through the head, head'. The third staff continues: 'head. He took it home for his old wife Joan and told her a fire to'. The fourth staff concludes: 'make and to cook the li-ttle duck that he shot at the brook, while he went back for the drake.'

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Source: Sung by Tony Ballinger of Brockworth. Collected by Gwilym Davies 15 September 1977.

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