

Can I Sleep in Your Barn Tonight, Mister?

It was on one dark night, it was stor-my — A tramp came a - long through the rain;

He was tram-ping a - long to some sta-tion, — To catch him a long dis-tance train.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

2. Can I sleep in your barn tonight Mister?

It is cold sleeping out upon the ground;
For the cold North wind is a-whistling
And I have me no place to lie down.

3. For I have no tobacco or matches,

And I'm sure I won't do you no harm
For I'll tell you my long distance story
It runs though my heart like a song

4. It was three years ago last summer

And I'll never forget that's the day
When a stranger came out of the city
And told me he wanted to say

Source: Joan Taylor, Gloucester. Recorded by Gwilym Davies 11 March 1997.