

The Elfin Knight
(Sing Ovey, Sing Ivy/Acre of Land)

My father he keepit a team o' rats
Sing ovey, sing ivy
I ploughed his land with this team o' rats
With a bunch o' green holly an' ivy.

He worked it down with this team o' rats, etc

He sowed his seed with his little sidlip ["seed-lip"], etc

He worked it in with his team o' rats, etc

He rolled it down with his team o' rats, etc

He ript his carn with a little penknife, etc

He hauled it home with his team o' rats, etc

He built his mow in a mouse's hole, etc

He thrashed his carn with his little flail, etc

He winnowed it with his little fan, etc

He stacked it all up in his old box hat, etc

He sent it out with this team o' rats, etc

His team o' rats come a-rattlin' back, etc

Source: Sung by Jim Cox, Hampton Fields, Minchinhampton.
Collected by James Madison Carpenter in between 1927 and 1934.
No tune found.