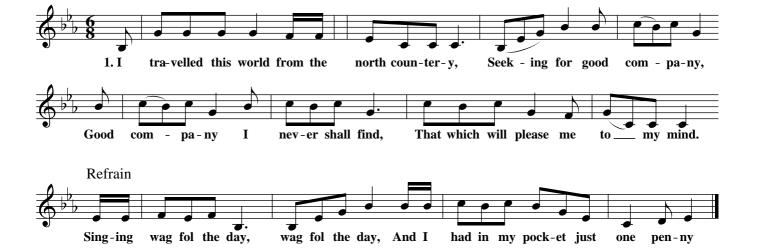
## The Penny Wager



 I travelled this world from the north countery, Seeking for good company, Good com-pany I never shall find, That which will please me to my mind.

## Refrain:

Singing wag fol the day, wag fol the day, And I had in my pocket just one pen-ny.

- 2. I saddled my horse and away I did ride
  Till I came to an alehouse all on the wayside
  I boldly got off and sit myself down
  And called for a jug of good ale that was brown.
- 3. There were two young men sat playing the dice And I thought they were playing so gay and so nice As they were a-playing and I looking on They took me to be a nobleman's son.
- 4. One of these young men asked me if I'd play And I immediately asked him what wagers he'd lay One says 'Five guineas', the other 'Ten pounds' The wagers was bet, but no money put down.
- 5. I caught hold of the dice and gave them a fling And it happened to be my good fortune to win If they had've won and I had've lost I shud 'ave to have sold my little black 'oss.
- 6. I travelled all night until the next day
  And I thought it was time to be jogging away
  I asked the landlady what I had to pay
  'Come give me a kiss and go on your way'

Refrain of last verse: Singing wag fol the day, Wag fol the day And I had in my pocket just ten pound three.

Source: George Hawkins, 86, a shepherd, Ebrington, collected by Peter Kennedy

Notes: The singer said he learnt this song many years ago from a very old man called Beasley, who lived in Paxfo

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