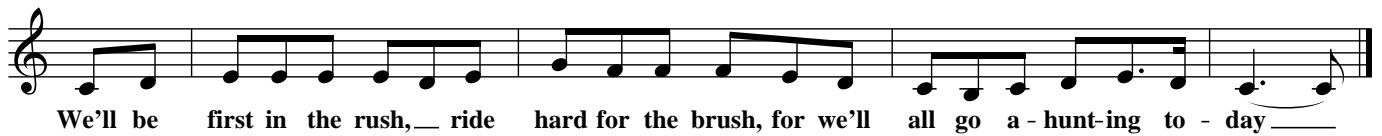


## We'll All Go A-Hunting Today



Refrain



2. Farmer Hodge to his dame says "I'm sixty and lame,  
Times are hard yet my rent I must pay.  
But I don't care a jot if they raise it or not,  
For I will go a-hunting today"  
Refrain

3. Then the village bells chime - there's a wedding at nine  
And the parson unites the fond pair.  
Then he hears the sweet sound of the horn and the hounds  
And he knows it is time to be there.  
Refrain

4. Says he "For your welfare I'll pray,  
But regret I no longer can stay.  
But you're safely made one. I must quickly be gone,  
For I must go a-hunting today.  
Refrain

5. With bridegroom and bride in array  
On an altar each other did say  
"Let us join the glad throng, go marching along,  
For we'll all go a-hunting today."  
Refrain

Source: George Joynes, Longborough, 1957, collected by Peter Kennedy

Notes: Verses 4 and 5 are sung to the Refrain melody.