

Limpy Jack

(Thornewmore Woods)



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2. Now me and me dogs went out one night, right ta - lo - ral fol - lid - dle lad - did - dee

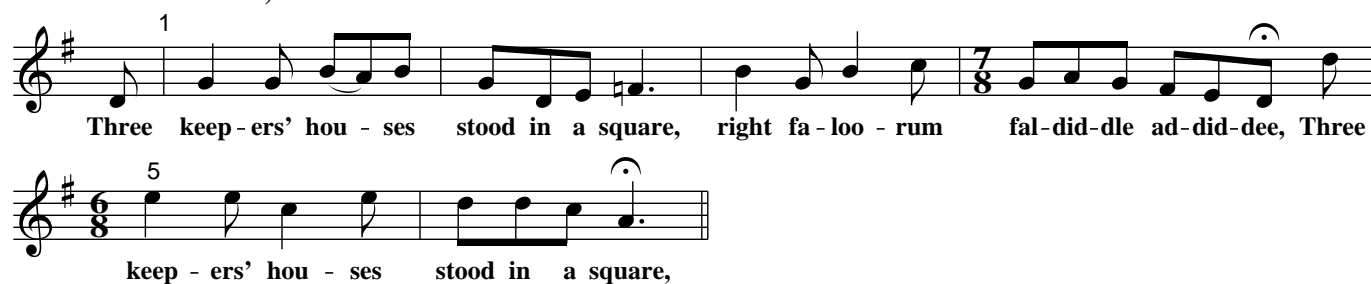
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Me and me dogs went out one night, fal la da lo - - ra lay. Now

me and me dogs went out one night, to catch a fat buck was our in - tent. To

catch a fat buck — a - - way we went, right fal de dol did - dle ol day.

Variants

verse 1 start, bars 1 - 6



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Three keep - ers' hou - ses stood in a square, right fa - loo - rum fal - did - dle ad - did - dee, Three

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keep - ers' hou - ses stood in a square,

1. Three keepers' houses stood in a square, right falloorum faldiddle addiddee.
Three keepers' houses stood in a square, fal de lal loorra lay,
Three keepers' houses stood in a square, they was put there to look after the deers,
Each one of them was a mile com-pared, right fal de lal did-dle al day.
2. Now me and me dogs went out one night, right falloorum faldiddle addiddee
Me and me dogs went out one night, fal de lal loorra lay
Now me and me dogs went out one night, to catch a fat buck was our intent
To catch a fat buck away we went, right fal de lal diddle al day.
3. We hunted the woods all round and round, right falloorum faldiddle addiddee
We hunted the woods all round and round, fal de lal loorra lay
The best good dog all out of town, he come to me both bloody and lame
And he wasn't able to follow the game, right fal de lal diddle al day.
4. I'll take my spikestaff in my hand, right falloorum faldiddle addiddee
I'll take my spikestaff in my hand, fal de lal loorra lay
I'll take my spikestaff in my hand, I'll range the woods 'till I find that man
I'll wallop his bones all if I can, right fal de lal diddle al day.

5. I hunted the woods all round and round, right faloorum faldiddle addiddee
I hunted the woods all round and round, fal de lal loora lay
I hunted the woods all round and round, I found a fat buck laid dead on the ground
That was my little dog fetched him down, right fal de lal diddle al day.
6. Now Limpy Jack with a buck up his back*, right faloorum faldiddle addiddee
Now Limpy Jack with a buck up his back, fal de lal loora lay
Now Limpy Jack with a buck up his back, he was like pedlar with a pack up his back
He was like pedlar with a pack up his back, right fal de lal diddle al day.
*This line is sung to the tune of line 3.
7. I ordered a butcher to skin the game, right faloorum faldiddle addiddee
Likewise another to do the same, fal de lal loora lay
The first good shank we offered for sale, was to an old woman that drew bad ale
She had us all took and sent jail, right fal de lal diddle al day.
- (sung to last two lines)
8. We was bound in iron in prison strong, until our trial it did come on
Bad cess ['luck'] to the hour of liberty, my brave and British boys.

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