

## Three Brothers in Fair Warwickshire

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Three Brothers in Fair Warwickshire'. It consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'There were three — bro - thers in fair War - wick - -'. The second staff contains: 'shire, Three dar - ing young fell — ows you all shall hear, To rob and'. The third staff contains: 'plu — nder was their in - - tent, To go rob - bing al - ong the high — way they went.'

2. The first they met it was Lord Granjville  
With his coach and four there they did rebay,  
The heavy blow struck him on the head  
And they left him on the highway for dead.
3. They took his watch and his money too  
So soon they proved his sad overthrow,  
They run away it's with all their speed  
And they left him on the highway to bleed.
4. Now they were taken all for the same  
They was put in prison till the trial came  
They was put in prison bound in iron strong  
Until the assizes it did come on.
5. Now at the bar these three young men 'peared  
They was pleading guilty you all shall hear,  
The judge and jurymen all did say  
For those are cast and condemned today.
6. 'Their names their names have you young men three?  
Your names your names you come tell to me'  
'My name's Will Atkins from whence I came'  
'Yes, and many a time I have heard your name'
7. 'Their age, their age have you young men three?  
Your age, your age you come tell to me'  
'One eighteen, nineteen and the other twenty'  
Isn't it a shocking and a sight to see  
Three clever young men on the gallows tree?
8. Now at the bar their poor mother 'peared  
She was a-wringing of her tender hands, tearing out her hair  
Saying 'Judge and jurymen, spare their lives  
For they are my sons and my heart's delight.'

9. 'It's go you home, dearest woman, dear,  
You've come too late, for their time it's near.  
Tomorrow morning at the hour of three  
You can claim their bodies from the gallows tree.'
10. 'It's go you home, dearest mother, dear,  
You've come too late, for our time it's near.  
Tomorrow morning, that is the day  
And from all our friends we must die away.'
11. 'Come all you people that is standing by  
That have come here for to see us die  
You shun bad company, take to good ways  
That's the way to live and see happy days.'

Source: Danny Brazil at Staverton, 19th February 1978, collected by Gwilym Davies

Notes: In verse 7 the fourth line is sung to a repeat of the third line of music.

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