

The Foolish Boy

1. When my fath - - er died I don't know how He
(Chorus)
left me six hor - - ses to foll - - ow the plough With a
wing-wang-wadd-le - o Jack's sold his sadd-le o Floss-ie boy bubbl - o Und - er the broom.

2. Now I sold my six horses and bought me a cow.
I failed at my fortune I didn't know how.
3. I sold my cow and I bought me a calf,
I once had a fortune but I'd lost the half.
4. I sold my calf and I bought me a dog,
I once had a fortune but it all had gone wrong.
5. I sold my dog and I bought me a cat,
I once had a fortune but cannot see that.
6. One day my cat it caught me a mouse,
But it fired its tail and it burned down my house.

Source: Sung by Mr. Garnet Ewart Keyte, Chipping Campden. Collected by Francis Collinson (date unknown).
Notes: Collinson only noted the 1st two verses from Mr Keyte and the rest has been supplied from another Gloucestershire version.