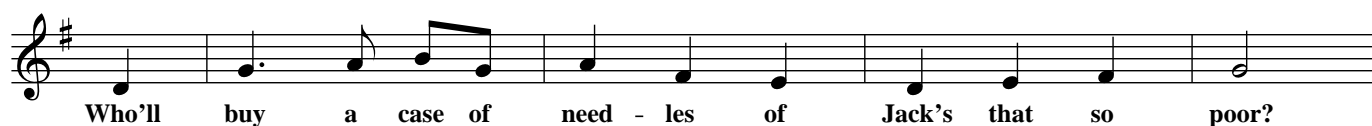
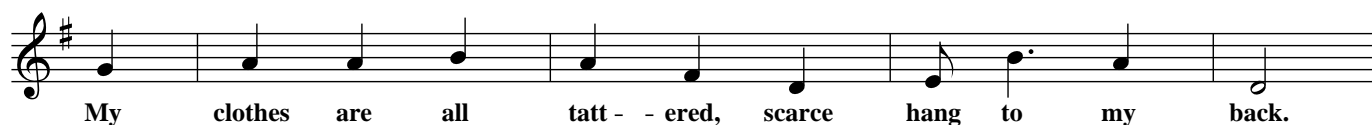
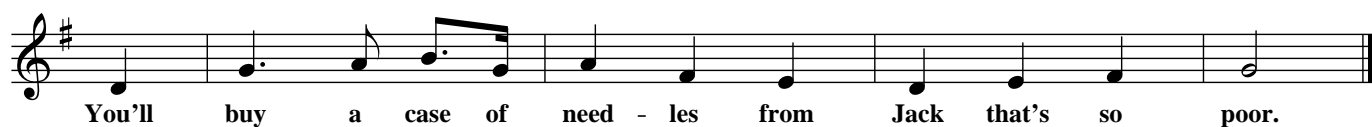


Needlecases



Chorus



2. I once was a farmer and followed my plough
If you think I'm a charmer, just look at me now.
All tattered in rags from bottom to top.
Don't you think I've become a wandering rag shop?
3. I once had a table all lined with good food
Of eating and drinking and all that was good
But now I've no table, no friends nor all that
I'm obliged to get a crust from the crown of my hat.
4. Now if you won't buy one I suppose I must leave
But to leave such good company it does my heart grieve
For to leave you all here, but if I should come back
You'll buy a case of needles from poor hopping Jack.

Source: Jimmy Maunders (70s), from Hatherop. Collected by Brian Ballinger at Southrop 16 November 1957.
Notes: Mr Maunders sang 3 verses. The 1st verse is from Eli Dawes of Southrop.