

The Old Woman Tossed up in a Blanket

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and folk-like, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "There was an old 'du - mmon'(a) tossed up in a blan - - ket. Nine - - ty nine times as high as the moon. And where she was go - - ing I ne - - ver did ask her. And un - - der her arm she carr - ied the broom. 'Old du - mmon, old du - mmon, old du - mmon' says I "Where bist thee go - in a - soar - in' so high?" 'I'm gwine to sweep the cob - webs down out of the sky. And I'll go a - long there by and by."

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Source: Sung by Thomas Bunting, gamekeeper, Sherborne. Learnt from his father 60 years previously
Collected by James Madison Carpenter between 1927 and 1935.

Notes: "Old 'dummon" = "Old 'oman [woman]". Local dialect.