

T for Thomas

(bar 2)

Oh if I was to climb a lof-ty old oak tree or a rob a poor bird of his nest, And if

ev-er I then should come down with-out ev-er a fall, I'll get mar-ried to the lad I love best.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, with a '(bar 2)' label above the second measure. The second staff contains the second line of lyrics. Both staves feature treble clefs and include triplet markings over the words 'oak tree' and 'I'll get'.

Alternatives

Bar 2 (a)

Bar 2 (b)

The image shows two alternative musical notations for the second bar of the song. 'Bar 2 (a)' shows a sequence of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. 'Bar 2 (b)' shows a sequence of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Both alternatives include a triplet marking over the final three notes (B4, C5, B4).

2. Oh it's T stands for Thomas, as you might suppose,
And it's J.O.N. it stands for John,
And W.E.N. stands for sweet William,
Because he is the cleverest young man.

3. So if I was to climb up a lofty old oak tree, etc
(as first verse)

Source: Collected by Cecil Sharp from Mrs Kathleen Williams, Wigpool Common, September 6, 1921