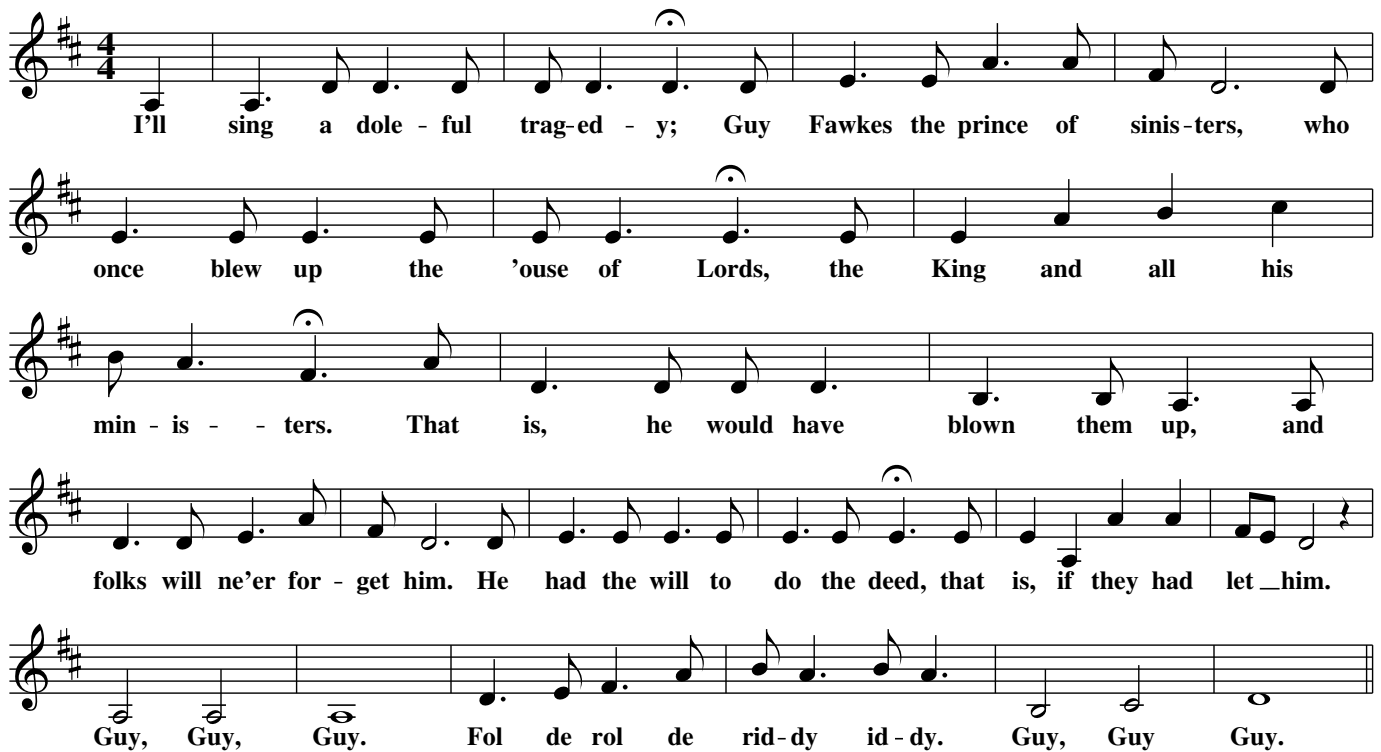


Guy Fawkes



I'll sing a dole - ful trag-ed - y; Guy Fawkes the prince of sinis-ters, who
once blew up the 'ouse of Lords, the King and all his
min - is - - ters. That is, he would have blown them up, and
folks will ne'er for - get him. He had the will to do the deed, that is, if they had let_him.
Guy, Guy, Guy. Fol de rol de rid-dy id - dy. Guy, Guy Guy.

2. He straightway came from Lambeth side, and wished the State was undone
And, crossing over Vauxhall bridge, that way came into London.
That is, he would have came (sic) that way, to perpetrate his guilt, sir.
One little thing prevented him: that bridge, it was not built, sir.
3. Then searching through those dreary vaults, with portable gas-light, sir.
About to light that powder train at the witching hour of night, sir
That is, I mean, he would have used that gas, but was prevented.
For gas, you see, in James's time, it had not been invented.
4. And when they caught him in the act, so very near the Crown's end,
They straightway sent to Bow Street for that brave old Runner, Townsend
That is, they would have sent for him, for fear he was no starter-hand
But Townsend wasn't living then; he was not born till after that.
5. So then they put poor Guy to death, for ages to remember.
Now boys they burn him once a year, in dreary dark November.
That is, I mean his effigy, for truth be strong and steady.
Poor Guy they cannot kill again, for he is dead already.

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