

The Hearty Good Fellow

1. I've trav-elled all through the coun - te - ry A - seek-ing to find good com - pa - ny.
Good com - pa - ny I al - ways can find, There's no - thing so pleas - ing as to my own mind.
Sing - ing whack fal the die whack fal the dee, and I in my po - cket not one pen - ny

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Variants

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2. I saddled old Boxer and away I did ride
Till I came to an alehouse all on the road side.
I boldly went in and I sat myself down
And called for a jug of good ale that was brown.
3. So I saw two men a-playing at dice
They playing at dice and I looking on,
They playing at dice and I looking on,
They took me to be some respectable man.
4. So one of them asked me if I would play
I asked him what wager he would lay
One said a guinea, the other a pound.
The wager was bet, but the money not down.
5. So I ketched hold of the dice and I threw them all in
As luck happened 'twas my good fortune to win
For if them had a-won and I had a-lost
I should had to have sold my little Tommy Black Horse.
6. I stopped there all night until the next day
When I asked the Landlady what I had to pay
She said "Kiss me and squeeze me and then go your way
And stop any longer no money to pay"

Source: Henry Barrett (61) at Randwick, 9th April 1908, collected by Cecil Sharp

