

The German Clockmender

1. There was an old Ger-man to Eng-land once came, Ben - ja - min Snookes was this
old Ger-man's name. "Any— clocks to mend?" he would sing all the day, and he
Chorus
whist - led his tune as he went on his way, with his
to - a - lum - a - lum - a to - a lum - a lum - a, to - a - lum - a - lum - a lay,
to - - ra - - rie - - oo - - ra - - rie - - oo - - ra - - rie - - ay, with his
to - - a - - lum - - a - - lum - - a to - - a lum - - a lum - - a,
to - a - lum - a - lum - a lay, he whist - led his tune as he went on his way.

2. What gave that old German his greatest delight,
Was seeing if young ladies' clocks were quite right.
Some went too fast and others too slow
But nine out of ten, he would make them all go.
3. One day that old German he called on a friend,
To see if she had any clocks to mend.
She took him upstairs to her bedroom clock
He (words indistinct) and he worked with his ... to-a-lum etc
4. One night when he entered to wind his wife's clock
All of a sudden he heard a loud knock
And to the German it gave a big shock
To see the lodger wind up his wife's clock.
5. Now that old German said to his wife "Mary-Ann,
Why do you take in this strange young man?
Why should I be left all on the shelf?
If you want your clock wound up, I'll wind it myself."

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