

Brian O'Lynn

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the first line of lyrics: "Bri-an O-Lynn had no bree-ches to wear. He bought a sheep-skin to make him a pair." The second staff is in 7/8 time and contains the second line: "With the woo-lly side out and the slick side in, 'T'is cold on my rump", said Bri-an O-Lynn." The third staff is in 6/8 time and contains the third line: "Bri-an O-Lynn was a ran-ta-ma-roar-er, born on a straw-ker, ru-a-ma-screw,". The fourth staff is in 6/8 time and contains the final line: "Al-ber-dedge, cut-a-long, black-er-ma blue!".

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Source: Bill Williams, May Hill, collected by Peter Kennedy, 1957

Notes: Bill Williams learnt this song from his mother when he was a child. He could only remember the first verse.

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