

Dumfries Hiring Fair

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time* *anacrusis*

I went tae Dum fries Hi - ring Fair for tae get a fee, An a-

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mang the ha - shy fair - mers ma hairt's as licht's can be. Wi a

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mush - a - ma too - ra lad - die o, An a mush - a - ma too - ra lay.

- 2 Auld Jock o the Dean comes owre tae me, says he, "Ye've had nae fair.
It's will ye come hame wi me tae drive ma second pair?"...
- 3 "If ye can haud the ploo a bit, an build a fair bit stack,
And at rising in the morning I hope you'll no be slack."...
- 4 Well, the horses that we got tae work they werena very braw,
Fur Jeanie she hud ae lame leg an Maggie she hud twa...
- 5 They kept a lassie about the place, the name o her was Jean,
The way the girl was treated was a god-almichty shame...
- 6 The milk that we got tae oor brose it wasna very new,
Fur it set the dugs a-howlin an it damn near killt the soo...
- 7 The scones they were blue mouldit, the kale it hud a smell,
Ay, an even in the winter time the beef could run itsel...
- 8 The auld gude wife at dennertime sat up at the table heid,
Begrudgin every bit we ett an wishin we were deid...
- 9 But term time's coming roon again an I dinna gie a hang,
Fur I'll pack up ma auld duddies an I'll gang the road I cam...