

John Barleycorn - CWGQ 44

Trad. arr. G.Lyndon-Jones

Sop & Ten

There were three men came from the West their for - tunes for to try, And__

Alto

There were three men came from the West their for - tunes for to try, And__

Bass

There were three men came from the West their for - tunes for to try, And__

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S&T

these three made a so - lemn vow, John Bar-leycorn must die____ John Bar-ley corn must die Fol lol lol lol

A

these three made a so - lemn vow, John Bar-leycorn must die____ John Bar-ley corn must die Fol lol lol lol

B

these three made a so_lemn vow, John Bar-leycorn must die____ John Bar-leycorn must die Fol lol lol lol

CHORUS

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S&T

is a lovely day, Fol lol lol lol_ le_ do, Fol lol lol lol is a lovely day, singing fol lol lol lol lay

A

is a lovely day, Fol lol lol lol le_ do, Fol lol lol lol is a lovely day, singing fol lol lol lol lay

B

is a lovely day, Fol lol lol lol le do, Fol lol lol lol is a lovely day, sing fol lol lol lol lay

2. All (mf)

They ploughed, they sowed, they harrowed him in,
Threw clods upon his head,
Till these three men were satisfied
John Barleycorn was dead.

3. Sop & Alto (p)

They let him lie for a very long time,
Till the rains from heaven did fall,
When little Sir John raised up his head
And so amazed them all.

4. Tenor & Bass

They let him stand till Mid-Summer's Day
When he looked both pale and wan;
Then little Sir John grew a long, long beard
And so became a man.

5. Sop & Alto

They hired men with their scythes so sharp
To cut him off at the knee;
They rolled him and tied him round the waist,
And served him barbarously.

6. Tenor & Bass

They wheeled him round and round the field
Till they came unto a barn,
And there they took a solemn oath
On poor John Barleycorn.

7. All

They hired men with their crab-tree sticks
To split him skin from bone,
But the miller did serve him worse than that,
For he ground him between two stones.

8. All (f)

There's little Sir John in the nut-brown bowl,
And there's brandy in the glass,
And little Sir John in the nut-brown bowl
Proved the strongest man at last.

All (ff)

Final chorus:

Fol lol lol lol is a lovely day ...