

66b Three Jolly Butchers - Elizabeth



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| <p>1
It's of three jolly butchers as I've heard many say;
they took three hundred guineas all on one market day.</p> | <p>8
Now Johnson being a valiant man; he bore a valiant mind,
he wrapped her up in his big coat and sat her on behind.</p> |
| <p>2
Now as they was a-riding along the green wood side,
'Stop your horse,' cries Johnson, 'as I hear some woman cry.'</p> | <p>9
As he was a-riding along the road as fast as he could ride,
she clapped her fingers to her ears and gave three bitter cries.</p> |
| <p>3
'I will not stop,' says Gipson, 'I will not stop,' says he.
'I will not stop,' says Ryde, 'for murdered we shall be.'</p> | <p>10
Then up come three bold swaggering blades with their swords
all in their hands.
They called to young Johnson and bid him for to stand.</p> |
| <p>4
Now Johnson being a valiant man, he bore a valiant mind;
he tied his horse up to the gate and tried the woman to find.</p> | <p>11
'I'll stop, I'll stop,' said Johnson, 'I'll stop, I'll stay,' said he,
'for I never was in all my life afraid of any three.'</p> |
| <p>5
He searched the woods, he searched the groves, he
searched them all around
till he found a lovely woman with her hair pinned to the
ground.</p> | <p>12
Now Johnson, two of them he slew, the other he did not mind;
when he was after the other one she ribbed him all behind.</p> |
| <p>6
'How come you here?' said Johnson. 'How come you here
fast bound?'
'How come you here stark naked with your hair pinned to
the ground?'</p> | <p>13
'I fall, I fall,' said Johnson, 'I must fall to the ground,
for since this cruel woman have gave me my death wound.'</p> |
| <p>7
'They robbèd me, they strippèd me, they left me here fast
bound.'
'They left me here stark naked with my hair pinned to the
ground.'</p> | <p>14
'Oh cruel, cruel woman, behaved to me unkind,
for I have saved your own sweet life and you have taken mine.'</p> |
| | <p>15
She shall be hanged in chains of gold for the murder she has
done.
She's killed the finest butcher that ever the sun shone on.</p> |