

SPENCER THE ROVER

Vaughan Williams notes in his manuscript 'for the rest of the words see Book of ballad sheets'

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Who had travelled great parts of both Great Britain
and Wales
He being reduced caused great confusion
And that was the reason he set off on trails

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The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "These words were com-pos-èd by Spencer the rover who had travelled great parts of both Great Britain and Wales He being re-duc-èd caused great con-fus-ion and that was the reason he set off on the rails". The score ends with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

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See Folksongs of the Upper Thames A Williams