The Good Old Leathern Bottle



Come all you lads and lasses, together let us go Into some pleasant cornfield, our courage for to shew, (Chorus:)

With the good old leathern bottle, and the beer it shall be brown, We'll reap and skip together, boys, till bright Phoebus does go down.

With reaphook and the sickle so well we'll clear the land, The farmer says, "Well done, my lads, here's liquor at your command." (Chorus:)

With the good old leathern bottle, and the beer it shall be brown, We'll reap and skip together, boys, till bright Phoebus does go down. By daylight in the morning, when birds do sweetly sing, They are such charming creatures, they make the valley ring, (Chorus:)

With the good old leathern bottle, and the beer it shall be brown, We'll reap and skip together, boys, till bright Phoebus does go down.

Then in comes lovely Nancy, the corn all for to lay, She is my charming creature, I must begin to pray; (Chorus:)

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She how she gathers, binds it, she folds it in her arms, Then she gives it to some waggoner to fill the farmer's barns. (Chorus:)

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Now harvest's done and ended, the corn secure from harm, All for to go to market, boys, we must thresh in the barn. (Chorus:)

With the good old leathern bottle, and the beer it shall be brown, We'll reap and skip together, boys, till bright Phoebus does go down.

Here's a health to all you farmers, likewise to all you men, I wish you health and happiness till harvest comes again. (Chorus:)

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