The Penny Wager



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As I travelled from the North Country Seeking for good company, It was good company I did find There's nothing to equal it to my mind Singing fol-le-diddle-lero, rite-fol-le-day Whilst I in my pocket had one penny.

Oh! I saw two gentlemen playing at dice, They took me to be some young nobleman nice, As they sat a-playing and I looking on, They took me to be some young nobleman's son, Singing fol-le-diddle-lero, rite-fol-le-day Whilst I in my pocket had one penny. They asked of me if I would play, I asked them what bets they did lay, The one said a guinea, the other ten pound, The bargain was made but no money laid down, Singing fol-le-diddle-lero, rite-fol-le-day Whilst I in my pocket had one penny.

I took up the dice and I gave it a spin, It was my good fortune that time to win, If I had-a lost and not had a-won I should have had to throw my empty purse down, Singing fol-le-diddle-lero, rite-fol-le-day Whilst I in my pocket had one penny.

I stopped there that night and part of the next day, When I thought it quite time to be jogging away, I asked the landlady what was to pay, She said, Give us a kiss, love, and then on your way! Singing fol-le-diddle-lero, rite-fol-le-day Whilst I in my pocket had one penny.