Souling Song (Cheshire)



A Cheshire man sailed into Spain, To trade for merchandise; When he arrived from the main, A Spaniard him espies.

Who said "You English rogue, look here! What fruit and spices fine Our land produces twice a year! Thou hast not such in thine."

The Cheshire man ran to his hoard, And fetched a Cheshire cheese; And said, "Look here, you dog! behold! We have such fruits as these.

"Your fruits are ripe but twice a year, As you yourself do say; But such as I present you here, Our land brings twice a day." The Sapniard in a passion flew, And his rapier took in hand; The Cheshire man kick'd up his heels, Saying "Thou'rt at my command."

So never let the Sapniard boast While Cheshire men abound; Lest they should teach him to his cost To dance a Cheshire round.