

Benjamin Bowlabags

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know how the war be-gan cast threads a - way would you
know how the war be-gan, nine tai-lors make a man
and so the proud tai-lor went pran - cing a - way

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Benjamin Bowlabags'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and folk-like. The lyrics are: 'Would you know how the war be-gan, Ben-ja-min Bowl-a-bags would you'. The second staff continues: 'know how the war be-gan cast threads a - way would you'. The third staff: 'know how the war be-gan, nine tai-lors make a man'. The fourth staff: 'and so the proud tai-lor went pran - cing a - way'. The music ends with a double bar line.

Would you know how the War began?
Benjamin Bowlabags
Would you know how the War began?
Cast threads away
Would you know how the War began?
Nine tailors make a man
And so the proud tailor went prancing away

With his needle he made a spear
And ran the mouse through the ear

With his bodkin he made a gun
And shot the mouse as he run

With his scissors he dug a pit
And shoved the mouse into it

With his thimble he made a bell
And toll'd the mouse's funeral knell

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