

The Jovial Reckless Boy

The image shows the musical notation for the song 'The Jovial Reckless Boy'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 'I am a jov-i - al reck-less boy and by my trade I go - - I walk the world all o - ver and get my liv - ing so'.

I am a jovial reckless boy
And by my trade I go
I trudge the world all over
And get my living so

I trudged this world all over
A pretty fair maid I spied
I asked her if she would go with me
And be my lawful bride

The pretty fair maid denied me
And said 'If I do so
I shall be ruined for ever a day
And shall be loved no mo'

'Oh, how will you be ruined'
The reckless boy replied
For I am sure I will marry you
As soon as work I find

Now hold your tongue from clattering
And tell me none of your tales

For you are a jovial reckless boy
And that is your only trade

How do you know me so, my dear
And how do you know my trade?
I know you by t' fringes of your apron
Of your apron, she said

The fringes of your apron
And by your slender shoe
Your stockings they are as white as snow
So that's how I know you

I could not help for smiling
To hear the girl say so
I threw my arm around her waist
And along we both did go

She brought a glass all in her hand
And filled it to the brim
Here's to the health of each reckless boy
That calls my true love his