

The Lady and 'Prentice

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| <p>1. 'Twas of a brisk young lady
 And of a prentice boy.
 They courted one another
 And he was all her joy,
 The prentice boy was banished,
 Unto a foreign shore,
 And sad at heart, he fancied
 He'd never see her more,
 Tol-lol-de-dee, tol-lol-lol-de-dee</p> | <p>5. He dressed himself in velvet
 In gold & silver braid,
 And then return'd to England
 To his true love with speed.
 And when he did espie her
 T'embrace her he did try (essay)
 But from his arms she started
 And frighten'd drew away
 Tol-lol-de-dee &c.</p> |
| <p>2. The pretty fair young lady
 So piteously did cry.
 "All for my charming 'prentice
 I only live & die."
 There came that way a squire,
 A man of high degree.
 Said he, "I'll give you wages,
 Be servant unto me."
 Tol-lol-de-dee &c.</p> | <p>6. "Your gold & all your silver
 Your wealth I do defy
 I love a little 'prentice boy,
 For him alone live I."
 "O lady fair, my only
 Return into my arms
 For many years was banished
 I might not see your charms.
 Tol-lol-de-dee &c.</p> |
| <p>3. And first he was in stable
 With horses at the stall,
 And then advanced to table,
 He servéd in the hall.
 And next he was advanced
 As butler to the same,
 And for his good behaviour,
 A steward next became.
 Tol-lol-de-dee &c.</p> | <p>7. Then closely she observed him
 And knew him soon again.
 His smiles dispersed her tears,
 As sun disperseth rain.
 With kisses out of measure,
 She clasps him to her heart
 "O now we meet together
 And never more will part"</p> |
| <p>4. O then into a lottery
 He put his money down,
 He drew a prize, & gained
 Full twenty thousand poun'</p> | |

Taken down from Mary Satcherley, Huckaby Bridge 1890. She learned from her father, an old cripple, named Hannaford, on Dartmoor she and he quite illiterate.