



# **The Jolly Waggoner**

**English Folk Song**

**Percy Jackman**  
**(1859-1937)**

**Percy Jackman** (1859-1937) was born in Bow, London, England. He was organist at Stepney Parish Church, north-east of London, and was a well-known teacher of John Curwen's Tonic Sol-fa system. He died in Bath, England. His compositions include anthems, songs, and part-songs.

When first I went a-waggoning,  
A-waggoning did go,  
I filled my parents' tender hearts  
With sorrow, care, and woe;  
And many are the hardships  
That I have since gone through.

Sing woa! my lads, sing woa!  
Drive on, my lads, I-ho!  
Who would not lead the stirring life  
The jolly waggoners do?

Upon a cold and stormy night,  
I'm wetted to the skin;  
I will bear it with contented heart,  
Nor grumbling do begin;  
Though wind and weather fiercely beat,  
I go through thick and thin.

Now summer is a-coming on,  
What pleasure we shall see!  
The merry flutch is twittering  
On ev'ry green-wood tree;  
The blackbirds and the thrushes too  
Are whistling merrilie.

Now Michaelmas is coming on,  
We'll pleasure also find,  
When golden leaves do fly, my boys,  
Like chaff before the wind;  
And every lad shall take his lass,  
So loving and so kind.

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arr. Percy Jackman

Con spirito

S *mf* When first I went a - wag - gon - ing, A - wag - gon - ing did go, *p* I

A *mf* When first I went a - wag - gon - ing, A - wag - gon - ing did go, *p* I

T *mf* When first I went a - wag - gon - ing, A - wag - gon - ing did go, *p* I

B *mf* When first I went a - wag - gon - ing, A - wag - gon - ing did go, *p* I

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S filled my par - ents' ten - der hearts With sor - row, care, and woe; And

A filled my par - ents' ten - der hearts With sor - row, care, and woe; And

T filled my par - ents' ten - der hearts With sor - row, care, and woe; And

B filled my par - ents' ten - der hearts With sor - row, care, and woe; And

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S man - y are the hard - ships That I have since gone through. Sing *rall.* *mf* *a tempo*

A man - y are the hard - ships That I have since gone through. Sing *rall.* *mf* *a tempo*

T man - y are the hard - ships That I have since gone through. Sing *rall.* *mf* *a tempo*

B man - y are the hard - ships That I have since gone through. Sing *rall.* *mf* *a tempo*

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S woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who *cresc.* *f*

A woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who *cresc.* *f*

T woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, my lads, Drive on, my lads, Who *cresc.* *f*

B woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, Drive on, my lads, Who *cresc.* *f*

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S would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do? *dim.*

A would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do? *dim.*

T would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do? *dim.*

B would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do? *dim.*

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## CHORUS

S  
Sing woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who

A  
Sing woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who

T  
Sing woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who

B  
Sing woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who

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S  
would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - g'ners do?

A  
would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - g'ners do?

T  
would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - g'ners do?

B  
would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - g'ners do?

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## VERSE TWO

S *mf* Up - on a cold and storm - y night, I'm wet - ted to the skin; *p* I

A *mf* Up - on a cold and storm - y night, I'm wet - ted to the skin; *p* I

T *mf* Up - on a cold and storm - y night, I'm wet - ted to the skin; *p* I

B *mf* Up - on a cold and storm - y night, I'm wet - ted to the skin; *p* I

33 S bear it with con - tent - ed heart, Nor grum - bling do be - gin; Tho'

A bear it with con - tent - ed heart, Nor grum - bling do be - gin; Tho'

T bear it with con - tent - ed heart, Nor grum - bling do be - gin; Tho'

B bear it with con - tent - ed heart, Nor grum - bling do be - gin; Tho'

37 S *rall.* wind and weath - er fierce - ly beat, I go thro' thick and thin. *mf a tempo* Sing

A *rall.* wind and weath - er fierce - ly beat, I go thro' thick and thin. *mf a tempo* Sing

T *rall.* wind and weath - er fierce - ly beat, I go thro' thick and thin. *mf a tempo* Sing

B *rall.* wind and weath - er fierce - ly beat, I go thro' thick and thin. *mf a tempo* Sing

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S *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! *f* Who

A *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! *f* Who

T *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, my lads, Drive on, my lads, Who *f*

B *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, Drive on, my lads, Who *f*

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S *dim.* would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do?

A *dim.* would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do?

T *dim.* would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do?

B *dim.* would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do?

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## VERSE THREE

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S *mf* Now sum - mer is a - com - ing on, What pleas - ure we shall see! *p* The

A *mf* Now sum - mer is a - com - ing on, What pleas - ure we shall see! *p* The

T *mf* Now sum - mer is a - com - ing on, What pleas - ure we shall see! *p* The

B *mf* Now sum - mer is a - com - ing on, What pleas - ure we shall see! *p* The

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S mer - ry flutch is twit - ter - ing On ev - 'ry green - wood tree; The

A mer - ry flutch is twit - ter - ing On ev - 'ry green - wood tree; The

T mer - ry flutch is twit - ter - ing On ev - 'ry green - wood tree; The

B mer - ry flutch is twit - ter - ing On ev - 'ry green - wood tree; The

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S *rall.* black - birds and the thrush - es too Are whis - tling mer - ri - lie. *mf a tempo* Sing

A *rall.* black - birds and the thrush - es too Are whis - tling mer - ri - lie. *mf a tempo* Sing

T *rall.* black - birds and the thrush - es too Are whis - tling mer - ri - lie. *mf a tempo* Sing

B *rall.* black - birds and the thrush - es too Are whis - tling mer - ri - lie. *mf a tempo* Sing



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S *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! *f* Who

A *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! *f* Who

T *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, my lads, Drive on, my lads, Who *f*

B *cresc.* woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, Drive on, my lads, Who *f*

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T *dim.* would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do?

B *dim.* would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do?

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## VERSE FOUR

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S *mf* Now Mich - ael - mas is com - ing on, We'll pleas - ure al - so find, *p* When

A *mf* Now Mich - ael - mas is com - ing on, We'll pleas - ure al - so find, *p* When

T *mf* Now Mich - ael - mas is com - ing on, We'll pleas - ure al - so find, *p* When

B *mf* Now Mich - ael - mas is com - ing on, We'll pleas - ure al - so find, *p* When

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S gold - en leaves do fly, my boys, Like chaff be - fore the wind; And

A gold - en leaves do fly, my boys, Like chaff be - fore the wind; And

T gold - en leaves do fly, my boys, Like chaff be - fore the wind; And

B gold - en leaves do fly, my boys, Like chaff be - fore the wind; And

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S *rall.* ev - 'ry lad shall take his lass, So lov - ing and so kind. *mf a tempo* Sing

A *rall.* ev - 'ry lad shall take his lass, So lov - ing and so kind. *mf a tempo* Sing

T *rall.* ev - 'ry lad shall take his lass, So lov - ing and so kind. *mf a tempo* Sing

B *rall.* ev - 'ry lad shall take his lass, So lov - ing and so kind. *mf a tempo* Sing

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S  
woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who

A  
woa! my lads, sing woa! Drive on, my lads, I - ho! Who

T  
woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, my lads, Drive on, my lads, Who

B  
woa! my lads, sing woa! my lads, Drive on, Drive on, my lads, Who

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would not lead the stir - ring life The jol - ly wag - gon - ers do?

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