

Our Goodman (Child 274A)

- 1 HAME came our goodman,
And hame came he,
And then he saw a saddle-horse,
Where nae horse should be.
- 2 'What 's this now, goodwife? 5
What 's this I see?
How came this horse here,
Without the leave o me?'

Recitative. 'A horse?' quo she.
'Ay, a horse,' quo he. 10
- 3 'Shame fa your cuckold face,
Ill mat ye see!
'Tis naething but a broad sow,
My minnie sent to me.'
- 'A broad sow?' quo he. 15
'Ay, a sow,' quo shee.
- 4 'Far hae I ridden,
And farer hae I gane,
But a sadle on a sow's back
I never saw nane.' 20
- 5 Hame came our goodman,
And hame came he;
He spy'd a pair of jack-boots,
Where nae boots should be.
- 6 'What 's this now, goodwife? 25
What 's this I see?
How came these boots here,
Without the leave o me?'

'Boots?' quo she.
'Ay, boots,' quo he. 30

- 7 'Shame fa your cuckold face,
And ill mat ye see!
It 's but a pair of water-stoups,
My minnie sent to me.'
- 'Water-stoups?' quo he. 35
'Ay, water-stoups,' quo she.
- 8 'Far hae I ridden,
And farer hae I gane,
But siller spurs on water-stoups
I saw never nane.' 40
- 9 Hame came our goodman,
And hame came he,
And he saw a sword,
Whare a sword should na be.
- 10 'What 's this now, goodwife? 45
What 's this I see?
How came this sword here,
Without the leave o me?'
- 'A sword?' quo she.
'Ay, a sword,' quo he. 50
- 11 'Shame fa your cuckold face,
Ill mat ye see!
It 's but a porridge-spurtle,
My minnie sent to me.'
- 'A spurtle?' quo he. 55
'Ay, a spurtle,' quo she.
- 12 'Far hae I ridden,
And farer hae I gane,
But siller-handed spurtles
I saw never nane.' 60
- 13 Hame came our goodman,
And hame came he;
There he spy'd a powderd wig,
Where nae wig shoud be.

14 'What 's this now, goodwife? 65
What 's this I see?
How came this wig here,
Without the leave o me?'

'A wig?' quo she.
'Ay, a wig,' quo he. 70

15 'Shame fa your cuckold face,
And ill mat you see!
'T is naething but a clocken-hen,
My minnie sent to me.'

'Clocken hen?' quo he. 75
'Ay, clocken hen,' quo she.

16 'Far hae I ridden,
And farer hae I gane,
But powder on a clocken-hen
I saw never nane.' 80

17 Hame came our goodman,
And hame came he,
And there he saw a muckle coat,
Where nae coat shoud be.

18 'What 's this now, goodwife? 85
What 's this I see?
How came this coat here,
Without the leave o me?'

'A coat?' quo she.
'Ay, a coat,' quo he. 90

19 'Shame fa your cuckold face,
Ill mat ye see!
It 's but a pair o blankets,
My minnie sent to me.'

'Blankets?' quo he. 95
'Ay, blankets,' quo she.

- 20 'Far hae I ridden,
And farer hae I gane,
But buttons upon blankets
I saw never nane.' 100
- 21 'Ben went our goodman,
And ben went he,
And there he spy'd a sturdy man,
Where nae man shoud be.
- 22 'What 's this now, goodwife? 105
What's this I see?
How came this man here,
Without the leave o me?'

'A man?' quo she.
'Ay, a man,' quo he. 110
- 23 'Poor blind body,
And blinder mat ye be!
It 's a new milking-maid,
My mither sent to me.'
- 'A maid?' quo he. 115
'Ay, a maid,' quo she.
- 24 'Far hae I ridden,
And farer hae I gane,
But lang-bearded maidens
I saw never nane.' 120