

John Barleycorn

Traditional arr. Will Parsons

Soprano

And

Alto

There were three men came out of the west, their for - tu - ne for to try. And

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S.

these three men made a so - lemn oath, John Bar - ley - corn must die. They

A.

these three men made a so - lemn oath, John Bar - ley - corn must die. They

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S.

ploughed sowed Ha - rrowed him in, poured clods all on his head. Then

A.

ploughed they so - wed they Ha - rrowed him in, poured clods al on his head. Then

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S.

these three men made a so - lemn vow, John Bar - ley - corn was dead. They let him lie

A.

these three men made a so - lemn vow, John Bar - ley - corn was dead. They let him lie for a

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S.

un - til the rain from hea - ven did pour. Then li - ttle Sir John,

A.

ve - ry long time, till the rain from heaven did pour. Then li - ttle Sir John, he

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S. raised his head, and so a-mazed them all. They let him lie till the

A. raised his head, and so a-mazed them all. They let him lie till the

26

S. long mi-dsum-mer, Till he looked both pale and wan. Then li-ttle Sir John grewa

A. long mid - sum-mer, Till he looked both pale and wan. Then li-ttle Sir John grewa

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S. long a long beard, and so be-came a man. They hi-red men with the scythesso sharp, to

A. long long beard, and so be-came a man. They hi-red men with the scythesso sharp, to

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S. cut him all down by the knee. They rode on and tied him a - round by the waist

A. cut him all down by the knee. They rode on and tied him a - round by the waist se-rved

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S. most bar barous - ly. They hi - red men with the sharp pitch-forks, to

A. him most bar barous - ly. They hi - red men with the sharp pitch-forks, to

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S. pierce him to the heart. But the loa - der heserved him far worse than that, for he

A. pierce him to the heart. But the loa - der heserved him far worse than that, for he

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S. bound him to the cart. They wheeled him a-round a - round the field, till they

A. bound him to the cart. They wheeled him a-round and a - round the field, till they

51

S. came in - to a barn. And there they made their so-lemn mow of poor John Bar-ley -

A. came in-to a barn. And there they made their so - lemn mow of poor John Bar-ley -

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S. corn. They hi - red men with the crab-treesticks to cut him skin from bone, but the

A. corn. They hi - red men with the crab-treesticks to cut him skin from bone, but the

61

S. mil-ler heserved him far worse than that for he's ground him bet - ween two stones It's

A. mil-ler heserved him far worse than that for he's ground him bet-ween two stones. It's

65

S. lit-tle Sir John nut brown bowl, and bra-ndy in the glass And lit-tle Sir John in the

A. lit-tle Sir John in the nut brown bowl, and bra-ndy in the glass. And lit-tle Sir John in the

70

S. nut brown bowl proved the stron - ger men at last. For the Hun - ter he can't

A. nut brown bowl proved the stron-ger man at last. For the Hun - ter he can't

74

S. hunt his fox, nor to lou - dly blow his horn. And the tin - ker he can't mend his

A. hunt his fox, nor to lou - dly blow his horn. And the tin - ker he can't mend his

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S. ket-tles nor his pots with-out a lit - tle bit of John Bar-ley - corn.

A. ket-tles nor his pots with-out a lit - tle bit of John Bar-ley - corn.