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While I was OUT A SINGING.

How happy I oncé past my life;
With nothing for to tease me;
Till once, alas! I took a wife,
Unto a free-and-easy.
For as my voice was rather good,
She got me a fine string in;
And said as how I must and should,
In future go a singing. Tol lol, &c.

To contradict I did not dare,
For soon she in a rage went;
So at last I went and took the chair,
And soon got an engagement.
My humour gave the folks delight,
And rhino did bring in,
For I got my lush, and a bob a night,
When I went out a singing.

Too soon she gave me cause to sigh,
She set my heart on twitters,
I caught her with a man so sly,
A guzzling gin and bitters,
But while he danced her on his knee,
The room I quick did spring in,
Said I, "so thus you diddle me,
While I am out a singing."

My wife declared with fuss and rout,
She'd not acted injudicious;
But very soon she got quite stout,
Which I thought look'd suspicious
In months time she brought a son,
Which sent my comforts wringing,
For the neighbours said the job was done
While I was out a singing.

My prayers and tears she scorn'd,
And call'd me short and bandy;
My Sunday suit she quickly pawn'd,
To treat her chum with brandy.
She vow'd she'd stick to him—like bricks,
My peace she put a sting in;
She fled with him---having sold my sticks,
While I was out a singing.

Professionals all---of this beware.
And when your out at nights, sir.
If you'd the sweets of wedlock share,
Be sure that all goes right, sir.
To take a freedom no man scoras,
And soon your place may spring in,
So professional gents, beware of horns,
While you are out a singing.



The Jolly SPORTSMAN.

John Harkness, Printer, 121, Church Street, Preston.

It's once a jolly sportsman came hunting on a lawn,
He met a pretty fair maid all on a summer morn,
He kissed her and embraced her so loving and so mild,
He played so long with this fair maid that he got her with child.

When nine months were over she was brought to bed,
With a very handsome daughter, she call'd it maidenhead,
Her mother stamped and swore, and in a passion fell,
And she sent her up to London her maidenhead to sell.

She bought a horse and hamper, likewise some cherries red,
And in one of the hampers she placed her maidenhead,
And like a buxom daughter so galy she did ride,
Till she met another sportsman down by a river side.

The sportsman fell in love with her, and said my pretty maid,
Here 40 guineas I'll give you for this and your maidenhead,
And what is in your hamper when we come to town,
A bargain, the girl replied, so pay your money down,

When he came into the inn, he called for wine galore,
He called for a witness to view all his store,
He called for a witness to view his cherries red,
Here's 40 guineas I give this girl for this and her maidenhead.

He search'd the other hamper, there he found a child,
Then he began to curse and swear like a man that's wild,
He swore it was a cheat and the bargain could not stand,
But the girl replied it must be, so the money's in my hand,

You know you bought my maidenhead, you know you bought it fair.
The child was christened Maidenhead, and now you have it there,
And if to justice you do go a laughing stock you'll be,
So I pray take home your maidenhead and dance it on your knee.

Now I'm outwitted by a beauty bright,
For I did mean the other thing, to lie with you all night
If this be buying maidenheads, I'll buy no more,
Before I'll buy a maidenhead, I'll rather have a wife.