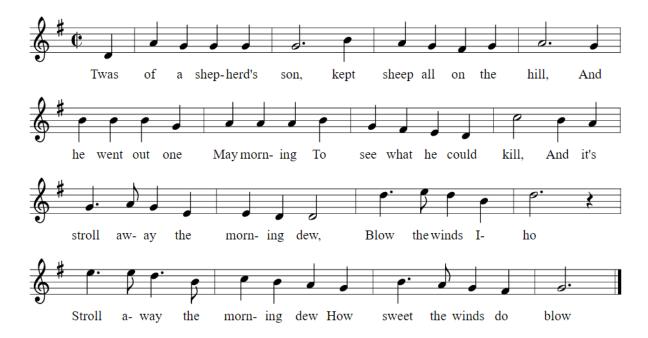
The Baffled Knight

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1. 'Twas of a shepherd's son

Keep sheep all on the hill

And he went out one May morning

To see what he could kill

Chorus:

And it's stroll away the morning dew

Blow the winds I-ho

Stroll. away the morning dew

How sweet the winds do blow.

2. He look-ed high he look-ed low,

He gave an underlook

And then he saw a pretty maid

A-swimming in the brook

- O do not touch my mantle
 Pray leave my clothes alone
 But take me out of the water
 And convey me to my home
- 4. As they were riding along the road They came to some cocks of hay Saying: This is a pretty place For men and maids to play.
- My father keeps a bantam cock
 He would not tread the hen
 He flutters his wings and crows
 Saying I think you're one of them.
- 6. O take me to my father's house And you may sit me down And you shall have my maidenhead And fifteen hundred pound.
- 7. When she got to her father's house She step-ped boldly in Saying: You are a fool without delay And I'm a maid within.
- So you meet any pretty girl
 And your father in the town
 O never mind her squalling
 Or the rumpling of her gown.