

# Hopping down in Kent

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Roud 1715

Now hop- ping's just be- gin- ning, We've got our time to  
spend We've on- ly come down hop- ping, to  
earn a quid if we can. With the tee- i- ay,  
tee- i- ay, tee- i- ee- i- ay.

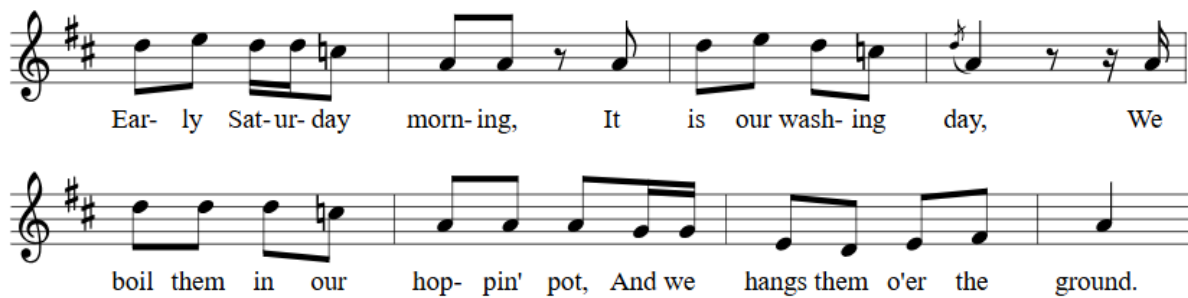
Variations:

Verse 3 (second half)

Say "Do you want some money?" "Yes, sir, if you please. To  
buy a hock of bacon And a roll of mould- y cheese". With the  
tee- i- ay, tee- i- ay, tee- i- ee- i- ay.

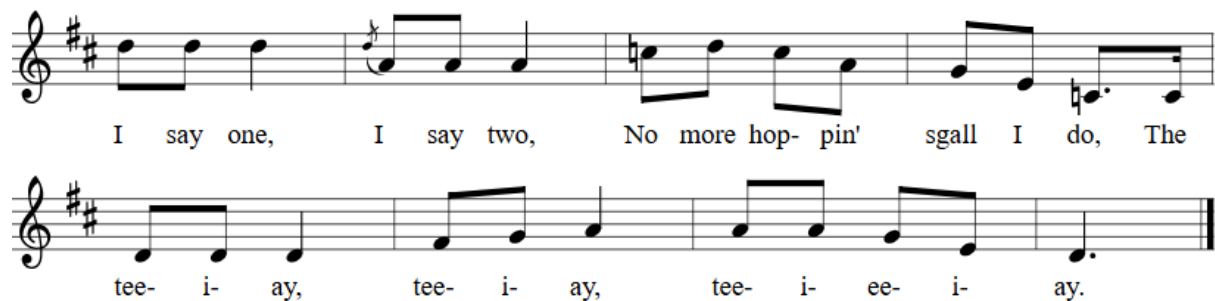
The variation shown above for bar 3 also occurs in verse 4.

### Verse 5



### Verse 6 - similar to verse 5.

### Verse 7



1. Now, hopping's just beginning,  
We've got our time to spend.  
We've only come down hopping,  
To earn a quid if we can.

#### *Chorus:*

With the tee-i-eh,  
Tee-i-eh,  
Tee-i-ee-i-eh.

2. Now early Monday morning,  
The measurer he'll come round.  
"Pick your hops all ready  
And you'll pick them off'n the ground"
3. Now early Tuesday morning,  
The bookie he'll come round.

With a bag of money,  
He'll flop it on the ground.  
Say "Do you want some money?"  
"Yes, sir, if you please.  
To buy a hock of bacon  
And a roll of mouldy cheese"

4. They all says hopping's lousy.  
I believe it's true.  
Since I been down hopping,  
I've got a chatt or two.
5. Early Saturday morning,  
It is our washing day,  
We boils 'em in our hopping-pot  
And we hangs 'em on the ground.
6. Hopping's all over.  
All the money's spent.  
I wish to God I never done  
No hopping down in Kent.
7. I say one, I say two  
No more hopping shall I do

Original pitch: D flat.