

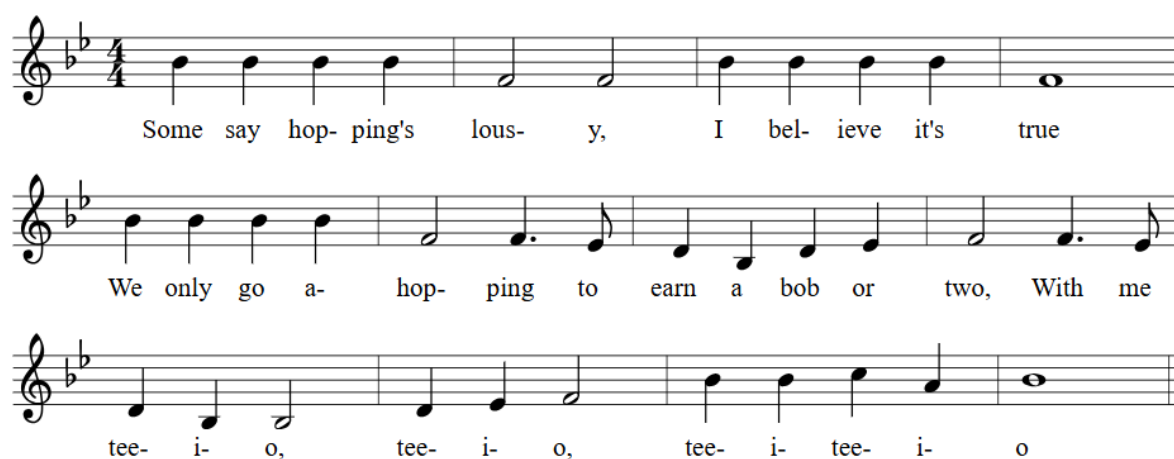
Hopping down in Kent

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1. Some say hopping's lousy,

I believe it's true

We only go a-hopping

To earn a bob or two

Chorus:

With me tee-i-o, tee-i-o, tee-i-tee-i-o

2. We jump up on the hoppers' train

Blimey ain't it full!

It looks as if the whole wide world

Is here to pick and pull

3. Now when I went a-hopping

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I saw old Mrs Riley

A-sweeping out her tent

4. "Now do you want any money?"
"Yes sir, if you please
To buy a hock of bacon
And a pound of mouldy cheese"
5. Now Sunday is our washing day
Don't we wash them clean?
We boil them in our hopping pots,
And we dry them on the green
6. Now every Monday morning
Just about six o'clock
You'll hear the old hoppers calling
"Get up and boil your pot"
7. Now when our hop-pole puller
He just comes around
He cries "Pick 'em up, pick 'em up you dirty old hoppers,
Pick 'em up all off the ground"
8. Now along comes our old measurer
With his long nose and chin
And his ten-gallon basket
And don't he push them in
9. When Sunday night it comes around, at last,
And you should see us then
We all get down to the Hand in Flower,
And blimey don't we spend!
10. Now the hopping's over
All our money's spent
Don't I wish I never went
A-hopping down in Kent