

The Barley Straw

"Sharper's" Joe Jones

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Verse 1

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would not be hap- py un- fore he

had a try He 'guised him- self as a

tink- er and he trav- elled all a-

round 'Til he come to a count- ry farm-

house his lodg- ing for to pay.

Verse 2



Up to the farm house he- did go, he

gent-a-lie knocked the door The farm-er

come and he quest-ioned him, I nev-er been

'ere be-fore The farm-er come and he

quest-ioned him, a knock rang out the

door Oh then you was in wealth to

me, a farm house stood be-fore.

1. There was a wealthy farmer he livèd oh close by
 He said he would not be happy un-fore he had a try
 He 'guised himself as a tinker and he travelled all around
 'Til he come to a country farm house his lodging for to pay.
2. Up to the farm house he did go, he gent-a-lie knocked the door
 The farmer come and he questioned him, I never been 'ere before
 The farmer come and he questioned him, a knock rang out the door
 Oh then you was in wealth to me, a farm house stood before.