

Box upon her head

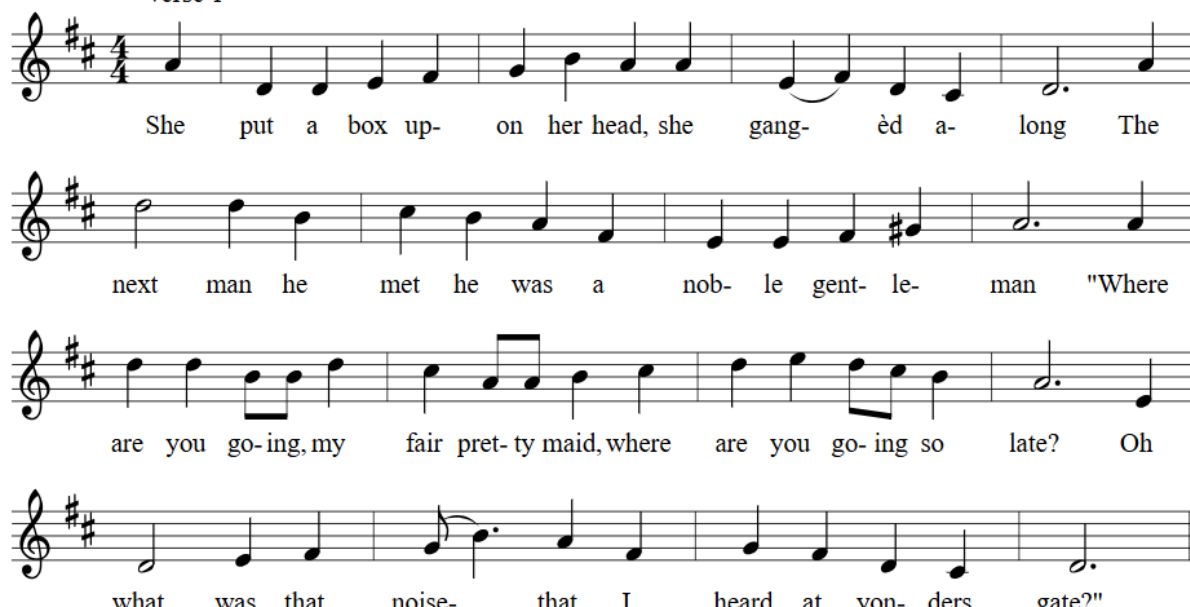
"Sharper's" Joe Jones

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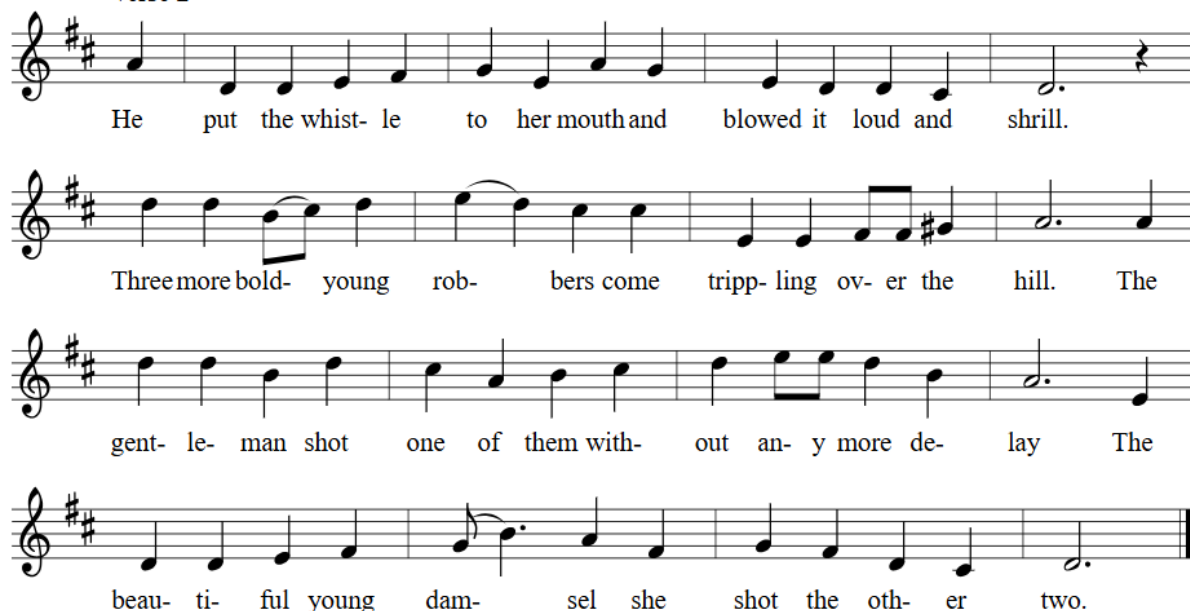
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Verse 1



She put a box up- on her head, she gang- èd a- long The
next man he met he was a nob- le gent- le- man "Where
are you go- ing, my fair pret- ty maid, where are you go- ing so late? Oh
what was that noise- that I heard at yon- ders gate?"

Verse 2



He put the whist- le to her mouth and blowed it loud and shrill.
Threemore bold- young rob- bers come tripp- ling ov- er the hill. The
gent- le- man shot one of them with- out an- y more de- lay The
beau- ti- ful young dam- sel she shot the oth- er two.

1. She put the box upon her head, she gangèd along

The next man she met was a noble gentleman

"Where are you going, my fair pretty maid, where are you going so late?"

Oh what was that noise that I heard at yonders gate?"

1. She took [old Abby?] by the reins, she led him to the place
There laid a poor young robber, bleeding on his face
The gentleman got off his horse to see what he had got
He had three loaded pistols, some powder and some shot.
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He had a knife, and a whistle more robbers for to call
2. He put the whistle to his mouth, he blowed it loud and swell.
Three more bold young robbers come tripping over the hill.
The gentleman shot one of them, without no more delay
The beautiful young damsel she shot the other two.

Joe Jones recited the three verses shown here, then sang the two verses shown in the musical notation above. There were some minor discrepancies in the words between the recited and sung versions.