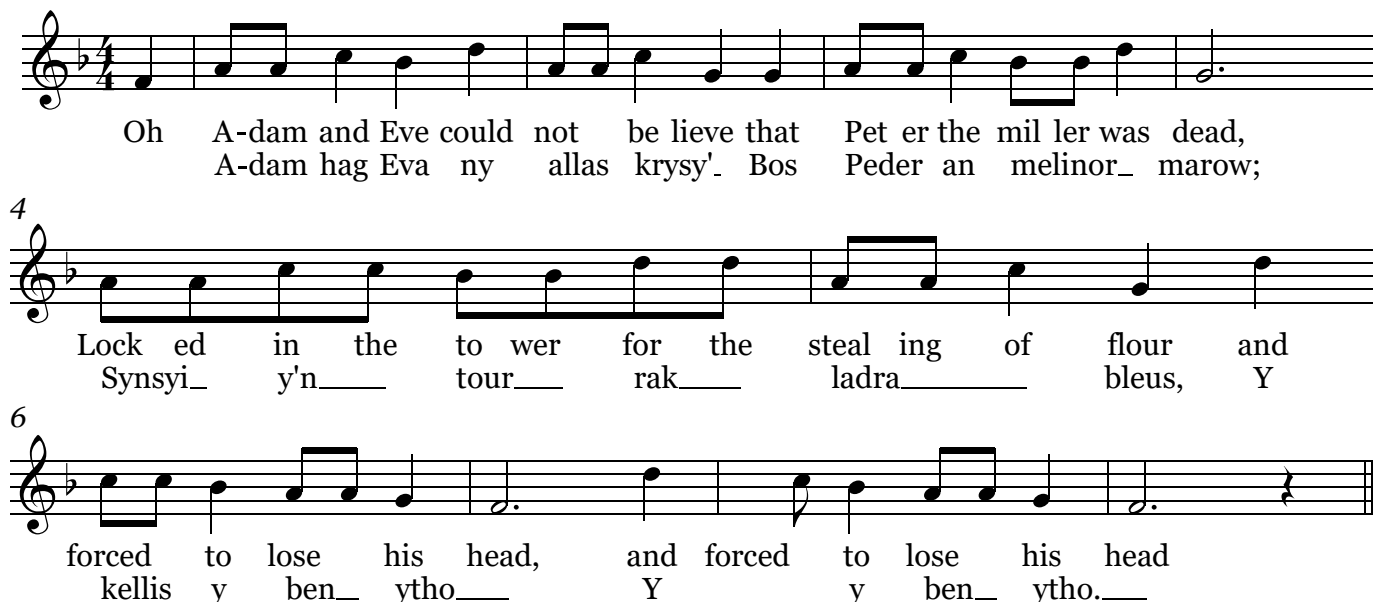


Adam Hag Eva / Adam and Eve

Traditional Cornish Nursery Rhyme



Oh A-dam and Eve could not be lieve that Pet er the mil ler was dead,
A-dam hag Eva ny allas krysy' Bos Peder an melinor_ marow;
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Lock ed in the to wer for the steal ing of flour and
Synsyi_ y'n___ tour___ rak___ ladra_____ bleus, Y
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forced to lose his head, and forced to lose his head
kellis y ben_ ytho___ Y y ben_ ytho___

They Drilled a hole in Oliver's nose ,
And put therein a string;
And dragged him round and round the town
For Murdering Charles the King
For Murdering Charles the King

Y telsons toll yn tron Olyver,
Ha gorra korden ynno:
Ha'y draylya oll adro an dre
Rak Karla bos ledhys ganso
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Notes

A children's nursery rhyme that dates from the British Civil War. The tune was supposed to be that of the Stratton Church chimes but it is not the same as that played by the current chimes set up in 1843 by George Wilkins. It was sent to Rev Sabine Baring Gould in 1891 by another folk song collector called Lucy Broadwood who came across it in Cornwall.

The reference to Peter the miller is topical allusion to the popular distrust in millers when supplies of flour and bread were critical. The reference to Oliver Cromwell is explained in Murry's Handbook for Devon and Cornwall "*Lord Exmouth, when captain Pellew, fought and won one of the most brilliant of single ship actions with a crew of Cornish miners. At an earlier period it shone forth as conspicuously. In the great rebellion, the mainstay of the throne was in the west, where the Cornish generals were called "the wheels of Charles's wain". Indeed, the loyalty that was then manifested has been handed down to our own times in the following quaint nursery Song:*

*I'll bore a hole in Crummels noase
And put therin a string
And laid en up and down the town
For murderin' Charles the King "*

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