

Oxen Ploughing:

from the singing of Frank Rowe of Pelynt, circa 1974

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a 3/4 time signature change at measure 14 and a 4/4 time signature change at measure 18. The lyrics are: Come all you sweet charm - ers come give me your choice, for there's noth - ing to com - pare with the plough - boys voice, for to hear the little plough - boy singing so sweet, makes the hills and the valleys a - round us to meet. For it's hark! the lit - tle plough - boy gets up in the morn, Move a - long, jump a - long - , Here comes the plough - boy with Spark and Beau - ty, Ber ry, Good - luck, Speed - well, Cher - ry, And it's move a - long, For we are the lads that can keep a long the plough, For We are the lads - that can keep a - long the plough.

*In the heat of the day what a little we can do!
We lay by the plough for an hour or two,
On the banks of sweet violets where we take our rest
While the cool stormy winds blow around us so fast.*

*If the farmer has no corn, no corn can he sow,
Then the miller has no work for his mill also,
And the baker has no bread for the poor to provide.
If the plough should stand still we should all starve alive.*

*And now to conclude, my song must here have an end,
I hope the little ploughboy won't ever need a friend.
Here's health unto the ploughboy wherever he may be,
Here's health to the ploughboy and God save the Queen.*