Robin Williamson, The Woodcutter's Song

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Oak logs will warm you well That are old and dry Logs of pine will sweetly smell But the sparks will fly Birchs long will burn too fast Chestnut scarce at all sir Hawthorn logs are good to last That are cut well in the fall sir

Surely you will find There's no compare with the hard wood logs That's cut in the winter time

Holly logs will burn like wax You could burn them green Elm logs burn like smouldering flax With no flame to be seen Beech logs for winter time Yew logs as well sir Green elder logs it is a crime For any man to sell sir

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Pear logs and apple logs They will scent your room and cherry logs across the dogs They smell like flowers of broom But ash logs smooth and grey Buy them green or old, sir and buy up all that come your way They're worth their weight in gold sir