

# Silly Wizard, Monymusk Lads

As I cam' in bY Monymusk  
And doon by Alford's dale,  
A sad misfortune happened to me  
And I think nae shame to tell.

cho: Fal to too a riddle doo.  
Fal to toodle I doe.

As I gaed in by Monymusk.  
The moon was shining clear;  
And I held on to Lethendy  
To see my Maggie dear.

I did gang when I did think  
That a' were sleepin' soun',  
But plague upon yon auld wife  
For she cam' slinkin' doon.

Sae cannily she slipped the lock  
And set the door agee;  
Then crawled upon her hands and knees  
To see what it could be.

Then to the bells, wi' a' her micht  
Sae loud she made thern ring.  
Till faith! I thoeht about my lugs  
The biggin she would bring.

And when she saw I wouldna slip.  
She ran to the guidman.  
Says: "There's a lad into the hoose.  
And that I winna stand.

"For it is a most disgraceful thing.  
It would provoke a saunt.  
To see a' the servant girls wi' lads.  
When the gentle anes maun want."

"Providence has acted wrang.  
Sic pleasures for to gie  
Tae ony servant lad or lass  
Just working for a fee."

The auld man he cam' ben himsel'  
And he pushed ben his heid;  
Guidfaith! I thocht it was a ghost  
Just risen frae the deid.

He'd duddy draws upon his legs,  
He'd on a cap o' white.  
And he'd a face as lang's my leg  
And in his hand a light.

He's ta'en me by the shoulders broad  
An' pushed me oot o' doors.  
Thinks I, my auld lad, I'll come back  
When sleepin' gars ye snore.