

The Beautiful South, The Table

(Heaton/Rotheray)

This table has four sturdy legs
And a heart of very near wild oak
When others would have screamed out loud my friend
This one never even spoke

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I've been treated like a bed
Been carried like a stretcher,
when someone thinks they're dead
I've been dined upon, I've been wine'd upon
I've been taken for a fool
Taken for a desk,
when they should have been at school

This table's been pushed against the wall
When tempers, well tempers flare at night
Banged upon with knuckles clenched my friend
When someone thinks that they are right

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