

GB/6b/12 The Mistress' Health

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Noted by George Butterworth

Sung by Mr. George Knight, Horsham, April 1907

The musical score is written in 3/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music, each with a measure number (1, 5, 9, 13) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1
Now we've drunk our mas - ter's health, We'll drink our dame's, And

5
we will be mer - ry in do - ing the same: To

9
him we drank one glass, To her we'll drink two, And

13
we will be mer - ry be - fore we do go.

Butterworth also adds the following:

To the tune of the above, Mr Knight sang also the following health song:-
The Great Bell of Lincoln is broken in her frame,
And she must be mended before she rings again,
With new frame and new wheel, new clipper and new strings,
O turn the bell over, hark, hark, how she rings.

The last line refers to the reversing of the drinking horns after the health is drunk.
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The following note was appended by Anne Gilchrist to the above:

This tune has a considerable resemblance to the old tune 'Jack Jintle' and also to 'The Jacket and the Petticoat' (Miss Mason's Nursery Rhymes) - a tune belonging to an eighteenth (?) century song called 'Nothing at All'.
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