

GB/7e/20 Old King Cole

Young Tupps

(O) Old King Cole was a mer-ry old soul, and a mer-ry old soul was he. He

5 called for his pipe(?) and he called for his glass and he called for his fid-dlers three. Eve-ry fid-dler

10 has a fine fiddle and a ve-ry fine fiddle had he. We the de the de (de) went the fid-dler, And

16 mer-ry we will be, For there's none so rare that can com-pare With the sons of har-mo-

21 nee, For there's none so rare that can com-pare With the sons of har-mo-nee.

Reverse order

painter -	brush	slab it up and down the wall
sailor -	rope	damn and b(last) the rope
parson -	book	don't have mercy upon him(?)
cobbler -	awl	bore a hole through the sole
tailor -	needle	in and out of the coat
drummer -	drum	rum a dum a dum
harper -	harp	clang a lang a lang
fifer -	fife	fi the fi the fi

Editor's note: the text in the original MS is difficult to read and not written under the stave, so a degree of conjecture has had to be used.