

# GB/7e/11 Boy and Highwayman

.Mr. Lert (?) Landlord, Tidenham Horseshoes

Take care this cow and drive her to the fair  
 She is the best that I can well spare.  
 As the boy was a-going he met with three men.  
 The boy sold his cow for six pounds and ten.  
 What shall I do with the money I pray?  
 In your coat lining, the landlady did say,  
 Before you get robbed all on the highway.  
 O sat that highwayman drinking of wine,  
 Says I to myself, that money is mine.  
 The boy took his leave and away he did go;  
 The highwayman quickly followed him through.  
 You're well overtaken, my boy, he replied  
 .....all on the highway.  
 How far are you going? this he replied  
 Now they both got on horseback and away they did ride.  
 Now they rode till the came to a very dark lane  
 And now, says the highwayman, tell me quite plain  
 Deliver your money without any strife  
 Or else.....  
 Now the boy tore the coat lining, .....  
 .....strewed it about  
 Now this highwayman quickly jumped off his horse  
 For little he thought it would be to his loss  
 And before he could get it into his purse  
 Why he holloed and shouted and bid him to stay  
 But the boy never stopped but rode on his way  
 Now the master looked in at his door and says doss(?)  
 .....cow changed into a horse.  
 O no, kind master, your cow I have sold,  
 I robbed on the road by a highwayman bold  
 Why, I made a mad misery away with this horse  
 .....quickly told  
 Of three hundred pounds both in silver and gold  
 And now for your courage and more for your fear  
 And if the poor rogue has lost all his stat(?)