

The Cropper Lads

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is divided into four lines of music. The first line starts in 4/4 time, then changes to 3/2, and back to 4/4. The second line starts in 4/4, then changes to 3/2, 3/4, 5/4, and back to 4/4. The third line is in 4/4. The fourth line is in 4/4. There are three triplet markings over the first three lines. The lyrics are: 'Come, crop-per lads— of great re-nown, Who love to drink good ale that's brown, And strike each haugh-ty ty-rant down With 'at-chet, pike and gun. The crop-per lads for me, And gal-lant lads— they'll be, With lust-y stroke the shear-frames broke, The crop-per lads for me.'

1. Come, cropper lads of great renown,
Who love to drink good ale that's brown,
And strike each haughty tyrant down
With 'atchet, pike and gun.

CHORUS: The cropper lads for me,
And gallant lads they'll be,
With lusty stroke the shearframes broke,
The cropper lads for me.

2. What though the specials still advance,
And soldiers nightly round us prance,
The cropper lads still lead the dance,
With 'atchet, pike and gun.

CHORUS

3. And night by night when all is still,
And the moon is hid behind the hill,
We forward march to do our will,
With 'atchet, pike and gun.

CHORUS

4. Great Enoch he shall lead the van,
Stop him who dares, stop him who can,
Press forward every gallant man,
With 'atchet, pike and gun.

CHORUS