

The Jolly Goss-Hawk

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

I sat on a bank in tri - fle and play, With my
jol - ly goss - hawk and her wings were grey, She
flew to my breast, and she there built her nest, I'm
sure pret ty bird you with me will stay.

I sat on a bank in trifle and play,
With my jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey;
She flew to my breast, And there built her nest,
I am sure pretty bird you with me will stay.

She builded within, and she builded without,
My jolly goss -hawk and her wings were grey:
She fluttered her wings, And she jingled her rings,
So merry was she, and so fond of play.

I got me a bell, to tie to her foot,
My jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey;
She mounted in flight, And she flew out of sight,
My bell and my rings she carried away.

I ran up the street, with nimblest feet,
My jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey;
I whooped and hallo'd, But never she shewed,
And I lost my pretty goss-hawk that day.

In a meadow so green, the hedges between,
My jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey;
Upon a man's hand, She perch'd did stand,
In sport, and trifle, and full array.

Who's got her may keep her as best he can,
My jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey;
To every man she is frolic and free,
I'll cast her off if she come my way.