

The Three Dukes



(Duke:) Here come three dukes a-riding, a-riding, a-riding,
Here come three dukes a-riding,
Ransom, tansom, tism, tee.

(Children:)
Pray what is your good will Sir, (etc)

(Duke:)
My will is for to marry, (etc)

(Children:)
Pray, whom will you marry? (etc)

(Duke:)
You're all too black and brown for me, (etc)

(Children:)
We're quite as white as you Sir, (etc)

(Duke:)
You're all as stiff as pokers, (etc)

(Children:)
We can bend as well as you, Sir (etc).

(Duke:)
Go through the kitchen and through the hall,
And take the fairest of them all.
The fairest one that I can see
Is [Jemima Spriggins] so come to me.