

Eggleston Hall

Collected in Hadleigh Suffolk on 1st Sept 1907 by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Sung in the Shoulder of Mutton P.H. by Mr Warner

♩. = 70

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a tempo marking of a quarter note equal to 70. The music is in 6/8 time. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff shows a change in time signature to 9/8, then 6/8, and finally 3/8. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1. When I was young and in my prime just 24 years old
I spent my time in vanity along with the lasses bold.
I wore lace ruffles round my wrist, a cane all in my hand
No gentleman could me surpass, no farmer in the land.
2. I took my coach and 6 pair horse the races for to see
'Twas here I spent £10,000 all in the light of one day.
As I was turning home again the dibs they did run small
'Twas here I came a broken-down gentleman, and that's the worst of all.
3. And here my Landlord seized my land, and bailiffs he sent three
He took away all I had got and said he must take me.
Oh then my family and wife all unto me did cry
To think that I should lie in gaol until the day I die.

Transcribed, as written, from Ralph Vaughan Williams's original manuscript by Maggie Moore and Stan Bloor 2023. A scan of the manuscript is available from the The Vaughan Williams Memorial Library <https://www.vwml.org/record/RVW2/1/5> nb. No tempo information was recorded so the tempo on this abc file has been arbitrarily set by the transcribers.