

# Cheshire May Day Song

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## Cheshire May Day Song (tune: The Painful Plow)

*traditional (Cheshire)*

$\text{♩} = 120$

1. On this pleas - ant mor - - ning to - geth - er come are we,  
 2. Rise up the mas - ter of this house, put on your chain of gold,  
 3. Rise up Mis - ter Wil - bra - ham, all joys to you be - tide.  
 4. Rise up Mis - ter Ed - ger - ton and take your pen in hand.  
 5. Rise up the good house-keep - er, put on your gown of silk.  
 6. God bless your house and ar - - bour, your rich - es and your store.

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1. To tell you of a blos - - som that hangs on ev - ery tree.  
 2. And turn un - to your lov - ing wife, so come - ly to be - hold.  
 3. Your horse is rea - dy sad - - dled, a - hunt - ing for to ride.  
 4. For you're a learn - ed scho - - lar as we do un - der - stand.  
 5. And may you have a hus - band good, with twen - ty cows to milk.  
 6. And may the good Lord pros - per you, both now and ev - er - more.

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1. We have stayed up all ev - en - ing to wel - come in the day,  
 2. Rise up the mis - tress of this house, with gold up - on your breast,  
 3. Your sad - dle is of sil - - ver, your bri - dle of the gold.  
 4. Oh rise up Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Stough - ton, put on your rich at - tire,  
 5. And where are all the pret - ty maids that live next door to you?  
 6. So now we're going to leave you, in peace and plen - ty here,

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1. Good peo - ple all, both great and small, it is the first of May.  
 2. And if your bod - y be a - sleep, we hope your souls are dressed.  
 3. Your wife shall ride be - side \_\_\_\_\_ you, so love - ly to be - hold.  
 4. For ev - ery hair up - on your head shines like the sil - ver wire.  
 5. Oh they have gone to bathe them - selves, all in the morn - ing dew.  
 6. We will not sing this song a - gain, un - till an - oth - er year.

13 First and last verse only

1. Good peo - ple all, both great and small, it is the first of May.  
 6. Good peo - ple all, both great and small, it is the first of May.

%%stretchlast yes

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T:Cheshire May Day Song

T:(tune: The Painful Plow)

C:traditional

O:Cheshire

M:C|

L:1/4

K:F minor

Q:1/2 = 120

V:1 clef=treble

C | FFGG | AGFG | AAGA | F3

w:1. | On this pleas- ant | mor- \* ning to- | geth- er come are | we,

w:2.~Rise | up the mas- ter | of this house, put | on your chain of | gold,

w:3. | Rise up Mis- ter | Wil- bra- ham, all | joys to you be- | tide.

w:4. | Rise up Mis- ter | Ed- ger- ton and | take your pen in | hand.

w:5. | Rise up the good | house- keep- er, put | on your gown of | silk.

w:6.~God | bless your house and | ar- \* bour, your | rich- es and your | store.

C | FFGG | ABcc | BAAG | A3

w:1.~To | tell you of a | blos- \* som that | hangs on ev- ery | tree.

w:2.~And | turn un- to your | lov- ing wife, so | come- ly to be- | hold.

w:3.~Your | horse is rea- dy | sad- \* dled, a- | hunt- ing for to | ride.

w:4.~For | you're a learn- ed | scho- \* lar as | we do un- der- | stand.

w:5.~And | may you have a | hus- band good, with | twen- ty cows to | milk.

w:6.~And | may the good Lord | pros- per you, both | now and ev- er- | more.

B | ccBB | AA GG | FFGG | =E3

w:1.~We | have stayed up all | ev- en- ing to | wel- come in the | day,

w:2.~Rise | up the mis- tress | of this house, with | gold up- on your | breast,

w:3.~Your | sad- dle is of | sil- \* ver, your | bri- dle of the | gold.

w:4.~Oh | rise up Mrs.\_ | Stough- \* ton, put | on your rich at- | tire,

w:5.~And | where are all the | pret- ty maids that | live next door to | you?

w:6.~So | now we're going to | leave \* you, in | peace and plen- ty | here,

C | FFGG | ABcc | BAGA | F3

w:1.~Good | peo- ple all, both | great and small, it | is the first of | May.

w:2.~And | if your bod- y | be a- sleep, we | hope your souls are | dressed.

w:3.~Your | wife shall ride be- | side\_ you, so | love- ly to be- | hold.

w:4.~For | ev- ery hair up- | on your head shines | like the sil- ver | wire.

w:5.~Oh | they have gone to | bathe them- selves, all | in the morn- ing | dew.

w:6.~We | will not sing this | song a- gain, un- | till an- oth- er | year.

"First and last verse only"

C | FFGG | AB!fermata!cc | BAGA | F3 ||

w:1.~Good | peo- ple all, both | great and small, it | is the first of | May.

w:6.~Good | peo- ple all, both | great and small, it | is the first of | May.

On this pleasant morning together come are we, To tell you of a blossom that hangs on every tree. We have stayed up all evening to welcome in the day, Good people all, both great and small, it is the first of May. Good people all, both great and small, it is the first of May.

Rise up the master of this house, put on your chain of gold, And turn unto your loving wife, so comely to behold. Rise up the mistress of this house, with gold upon your breast, And if your body be asleep, we hope your souls are dressed.

Rise up Mister Wilbraham, all joys to you betide, Your horse is ready saddled, a-hunting for to ride. Your saddle is of silver, your bridle of the gold. Your wife shall ride beside you, so lovely to behold.

Rise up Mister Edgerton and take your pen in hand. For you're a learned scholar as we do understand. Oh rise up Mrs. Stoughton, put on your rich attire, For every hair upon your head shines like the silver wire.

Rise up the good house keeper, put on your gown of silk. And may you have a husband good, with twenty cows to milk. And where are all the pretty maids that live next door to you? Oh they have gone to bathe themselves, all in the morning dew.

God bless your house and harbour, your riches and your store. And may the good Lord prosper you, both now and evermore. So now we're going to leave you, in peace and plenty here. We will not sing this song again until another year. Good people all, both great and small, it is the first of May.

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