Spencer The Rover

This tune was composed by Spencer the Rover As valiant a man as ever left home And he had been much reduced Which caused great confusion And that was the reason he started to roam.

In Yorkshire near Rotherham, he had been on the ramble Weary of travelling, he sat down to rest By the foot of yon' mountain Lays a clear flowing fountain With bread and cold water he himself did refresh.

With the night fast approaching, to the woods he resorted With wood, vine and ivy his bed for to make But he dreamt about sighing Lamenting and crying Go home to your family and rambling forsake.

Twas the fifth day of November, I've reason to remember When first he arrived home to his family and friends And they did stand so astounded Surprised and dumbfounded To see such a stranger once more in their sight.

And his children come around him with their prittle prattling stories With their prittle prattling stories to drive care away And he's as happy as those As have thousands of riches Contented he'll remain and not ramble away.

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