

The Jolly Beggar

Rapalje

It's of a jolly beggarman came tripping o'er the plain
He came unto a farmer's door a lodging for to gain
The farmer's daughter she came down and viewed him
cheek and chin
She says: "He is a handsome man I pray you take him in"

Chorus:

We'll go no more a roving, a roving in the night
We'll go no more a roving, let the moon shine so bright
We'll go no more a roving

He would not lie within the barn not yet within the
byre
But he would in the corner lie down by the kitchen fire
And then the beggar's bed was made of good clean sheets
and hay
And down beside the kitchen fire the jolly beggar lay

Chorus

The farmer's daughter she got up to bolt the kitchen
door
And there she saw the beggar standing naked on the
floor
He took the daughter in his arms and to the bed he ran
She says: "Kind sir be easy now, you'll waken our
goodman"

Chorus

Oh now you are no beggar, you are some gentleman
For you have stolen my maidenhead and I am quite undone
"I am no lord, I am no squire, of beggars I be one
And beggars they be robbers all, so you are quite
undone"

Chorus

He took the bed in both his hands and threw it at the
wall
Says: "Go you with your maidenhead, your maidenhead and
all"

Chorus