

There chanced to be a pedlar bold
A pedlar bold he chanced to be
He rolled his pack all on his back
And he came tripping o'er the sea
By chance he met two troublesome blades
Troublesome blades they chanced to be
One of them was Robin Hood
The other was little John so free

Gentlemen of high born blood
Gamble Gold and Robin Hood
"Oh pedlar, pedlar what's in the pack
Come speedily and tell to me"
"I've several suits of the gay green silk
And silken bow strings two of three"
"If you have suits of the gay green silk
And silken bow strings two of three"
"Then by my body" cries Robin Hood
"Half your pack belongs to me"

"Oh no, oh no, " says the pedlar bold
"No that can never be
There's never a man in Nottingham
Can take one half my pack from me! "
Then Robin Hood he drew his sword
And the pedlar by his pack did stand
They fought 'till the blood in streams did flow
And he cried "Pedlar hold hold your hand"

"Oh pedlar, pedlar what's thy name
Come speedily and tell to me"
"I'm Gamble Gold of the gay green woods
I've travelled far beyond the sea"
"If you're Gamble Gold of the gay green woods
Then my cousin you must be
Let us away to a tavern near
And bottles crack most merrily"
Chorus