

# The Piper That Played Before Moses

The Wolfe Tones

Oh, come boys and I'll tell you a story  
Of a piper who lived long ago  
And he played all sorts of music  
For friends and relations and foes  
At hoolies and weddings and parties  
Me lads, he was always the same  
For he'd dance and he'd sing  
And all sorts of things  
Recitations and musical games  
We invited him down to the party  
He brought his old pipes just by chance  
And we asked him to play a bit of a tune  
He said: "No, I'll give you a bit of a dance"  
So we gave him a naggin' of whiskey  
And poured out a bottle of stout  
And we cut a great hole in the bag of his pipes  
And this is the tune that came out...  
Oh, the piper that played before Moses  
Was a comical bit of a tout  
He'd all sorts of bellows and chanterers  
And ribbons and pipes hanging out  
And when he'd go for to squeeze them  
He'd huff and he'd puff and he'd blow  
He'd scream and he'd shout  
Till the music came out  
And away to the races he'd go  
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He brought his old pipes just by chance  
And we asked him to play a bit of a tune  
He said: "No, I'll give you a bit of a dance"  
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And poured out a bottle of stout  
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And this is the tune that came out...  
He had all sorts of friends and relations  
Who travelled from way overseas  
With all sorts of grandeur and splendour  
You'd nearly get weak at the knees  
We cleared back the tables and dressers  
When his cousin from Russia came in  
On their hunkers they'd dance  
They all took a chance  
And kicked their heels to begin  
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He brought his old pipes just by chance  
And we asked him to play a bit of a tune  
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