

Penny Wager

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As I travelled from the North Country
A seeking for good company
It was good company I did find
There's nothing to equal it to my mind.

*Sing fol le riddle lero rite fol le day
I had in my pocket but one penny.*

I saw two gentlemen playing at dice
They took me to be some nobleman nice
As they sat a-playing and I looking on
They took me to be some nobleman's son.

They asked of me if I would play
I asked of them what bets they did lay
The one said a guinea, the other ten pound
The bargain was made but no money laid down.

I took up the dice and gave it a spin
It was my good fortune that time to win
If I should have lost and not have won
I'd have to have thrown my empty purse down.

I stopped that night and part of next day
When I thought it quite time to be jogging away
I asked the landlady what was to pay
She said "Give us a kiss love and be on your way."

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