

4. THREE JOLLY HUNTERS.

From "OLD CRONIES," by
EDWIN WAUGH.

+ Old Air, "THE ROSETTA"
+ (See preface.)

Gaily. ♩ = 104.

VOICE.

Key G. { s, | d :-:d ld :-:r }
It's of three jol - ly

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|| m :-:m lm :-:f | s :m :d lf :r :t, | d :-: - l - :-:s, .s, | d :-:d ld :-:r | m :-:m lm :-:f }
hunters, and a - hunt - ing they did go; And they hunt - ed, and they hal - loo'd, and they

|| s :m :d lf :r :t, | d :-: - l - :-:m .f | s :s :s ls :m :d | r :-:r lr :t, :s, | l, :t, :d lr :m :f }
blew their horns al - so; And one said "Mind your eyes, and keep your nos - es right in the

|| m :-: - l - :-:s, | d :-:d ld :-:r | m :-:m lm :-:f | s :m :d lf :r :t, | d :-: - l - :-: }
wind, And then by scent or sight, you'll light on some - thing to your mind."

Three Jolly Hunters.

(Abbreviated Version.)

- 1 It's of three jolly hunters, and a-hunting they did go ;
And they hunted, and they halloo'd, and they blew their
horns also ;
And one said, " Mind your eyes, and keep your noses
right in the wind,
And then by scent or sight, you'll light on something
to your mind "
- 2 They hunted, and they halloo'd, and the first thing they
did find
Was a tatter'd bogie in a field, and that they left behind.
One said it was a bogie, and another he said " Nay ;
It's just a drunken tinker that has gone and lost his way."
- 3 They hunted, and they halloo'd, and the next thing they
did find
Was a jackdaw lying cold and still, and that they left
behind
One said it was a jackdaw, and another he said " Nay ;
It's only an old blacking brush that somebody's thrown
away "
- 4 They hunted, and they halloo'd, and the next thing they
did find
Was a grunting, grinding, grindingstone, and that they
left behind
One said it was a grinding stone, and another he said
" Nay ;
It's only an old frozen cheese that somebody's roll'd
away "
- 5 They hunted, and they halloo'd, and the next thing they
did find
Were two young lovers in a field, and these they left
behind.
One said that they were lovers, but another he said
" Nay ;
They're two poor wandering lunatics—come, let us go
away "
- 6 So they hunted and they halloo'd, till the setting of the
sun ;
And they'd naught to bring away at last, when the
hunting day was done.
Then one unto the other said, " This hunting does not
pay ;
But we've canter'd up and down a bit, and had a rattling
day."

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Randolph Caldecott many years ago illustrated this song in a
picture book, when each couplet ended " Look you there." John
Farmer afterwards set the song to his own music, but the foregoing
old air better suits the romping huntsmen, and " their horns also."
—J. G.

Three Jolly Hunters.

(The verses complete in Lancashire dialect.)

- 1 It's of three jolly hunters, an' a-hunting they did go ;
An' they hunted, and they halloo'd, an' they blew their
horns also.
An' one said, " Mind yo'r e'en, an' keep yo'r noses reet
i' th' wind,
An' then, bi scent or seet, yo'n leet o' summat to yo'r
mind "
- 2 They hunted, and they halloo'd, an' the first thing they
did find
Was a tatter't boggart, in a felt, an' that they left
behind.
One said it was a boggart, an' another he said " Nay ;
It's just a drunken tinker that has gone an' lost his way."
- 3 They hunted, an' they halloo'd, an' the next thing they
did find
Was a turnip in a stubble field, an' that they left behind.
One said it was a turnip, an' another he said " Nay ;
It's just a cannon-bo' 'at owd Noll Crummill thrut
away."
- 4 They hunted, an' they halloo'd, an' the next thing they
did find
Was a cratchinly owd pig-trough, an' that, too, they left
behind.
One said it was a pig-trough, but another he said " Nay ;
It's some poor craiter's coffin," an' that caused 'em much
dismay
- 5 They hunted, an' they halloo'd, an' the next thing they
did find
Was a jackdaw, lyin' cowl an' still, an' that they left
behind.
One said it was a jackdaw, an' another he said " Nay ;
It's nobbut an' owd blackin'-brush 'at somebry's thrut
away."
- 6 They hunted, an' they halloo'd, an' the next thing they
did find
Was a gruntin', grindin' grindlestone, an' that they left
behind.
One said it was a grindlestone, another he said " Nay ;
It's nought but an' owd frozen cheese 'at somebry's
roll't away."
- 7 They hunted, an' they halloo'd, an' the next thing they
did find
Was a bull-cauve in a pin-fowd, an' that, too, they left
behind
One said it were a bull-cauve, an' another he said " Nay ;
It's just a painted jackass that has never larnt to bray."
- 8 They hunted, an' they halloo'd, an' the next thing they
did find
Was two young lovers in a lane, an' these they left
behind.
One said that they were lovers, but another he said
" Nay ;
They're two poor wanderin' lunatics—come, let us go
away "
- 9 So they hunted, an' they halloo'd till the setting of the
sun ;
An' they'd nought to bring away at last, when th'
huntin' day was done.
Then one unto the other said, " This huntin' doesn't pay ;
But we'n powler't up an' down a bit, an' had a rattlin'
day "