

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Calling on Song

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(Ashley Hutchings?)

Earsdon Sword Dance Calling On

Good people pray heed a petition  
Your attention we beg and crave  
And if you are inclined for to listen  
An abundance of pastime we'll have

We have come to relate many stories  
Concerning our forefathers time  
And we trust they will drive out your worries  
Of this we are all in one mind

Many tales of the poor and the gentry  
Of labor and love will arise  
There are no finer songs in this country  
In Scotland or Ireland likewise

There's on thing more need be mentioned  
The dances are danced all in fun  
So now you've heard our intention  
We'll play on to the beat of the drum

Recorded by Steeleye Span on Hark! The Village Wait

Note: tune modified from trad.

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