

The Antmals' Fair - song lyrics

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THE ANTMALS' FAIR

Now listen to my lay, I'll do my best to please you;
The song I'm going to give is a popular kind of thing.
I had a dream, and it did seem to me so very queer,
The birds and beasts they had a fair, and I was overseer.

Chorus.

'Twas as the animals' fair, all birds and beasts were there;
The gay baboon, by the light of the moon, he combed his auburn hair;
The monkey he got drunk, and fell on the elephant's trunk;
The elephant sneezed and fell on his knees. now how was that for the monk?

The jay-bird played the flute, the muskrat took the fiddle ;
The Tom-cat he did prompt, as he tuned his light guitar;
The alligator hugged the bull-dog's wife, the bear got up his dander,
The camel smashed the fox in the eye, and thumped the nose of the gander.
'Twas at the animals' fair, all birds and beasts were there, &c.

The bear began to cry, the crocodile wiped his eye;
The fox he took a walk with the goose, the spider eloped with the fly;
Says the 'skeeter to the flea, " This is no place for me;"
The horse-fly stung the tiger's nose, and the lion swallowed the bee.
'Twas at the animals' fair, all birds and beasts were there, &c.

The rabbit passed the beans, the squirrel passed potatoes;
There was fish-balls made of mud, and cobblestone succotash; [salad,
There was nice green peas from button-ball trees, grape soup and peanut
The pig he cried, "Root hog, or die!" and the bull in chorus bellowed.
'Twas at the animals' fair, all birds and beasts were there, &c.

It soon began to rain, and the fair to an end it came;
The jackass kissed the elephant's wife, I heard her laugh quite plain
The grasshopper jumped up quick, and the kangaroo he did kick,
He threw a flip flap up against the fence, and scraped his shins with a briok.)
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