

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## An Old Man Came Over the Lea

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[and old man came over the lea...for to court me...]

My mother she told to me te gie him a chair

Ah-ha but I wouldnae ha'e him

I gied him a chair

And he slipped on the flair

With his grey beard newly shaven

My mother she told to me tae gie him a drink

Ah-ha but I wouldnae ha'e him

I gied him a drink

And he began to wink

With his grey beard newly shaven

My mother she told to me tae gie him a kiss

Ah-ha but I wouldnae ha'e him

If you like him so weel, you can kiss him yersel'

With his grey beard newly shaven

sung by Jeannie Robertson on Caedmon series of The "Folksongs of Britain: Songs of Courtship". Peter Kennedy recorded the song from Jeannie. I think all the songs on this album should be published in Kennedy's "Folksongs of Britain and Ireland".

I recall Peggy Seeger recorded an American version "His Old Grey Beard Kept Wagging" on a compilation with Ewan MacColl of Matching Songs of Britain and America

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