

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Come Up and See My Garret

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1.

Come up and see my garret  
Come up and see it noo;  
Come up and see my garret  
For it's a' furnished noo;  
A second-handed table,  
A chair withoot a leg,  
A humpy backit dresser  
And an auld iron bed.

2.

Eh'll tell the boaby,  
Eh'll tell the boaby,  
Eh'll tell the boaby,  
If you lay a hand on me.

Sixty days in the tripe shop,  
Sixty days in the tripe shop,  
Sixty days in the tripe shop,  
If you lay a hand on me.

Come up an' see ma garret,  
Come up an' see ma garret,  
Come up an' see ma garret,  
It's aw furnished new.

A broken cup an' saucer,  
A chair withoot a leg,  
A humphy-backed dresser,  
An' an auld iron bed.

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(1) MacColl, *Streets of Song*, no. 1, learned in childhood;  
"Common throughout urban Scotland."

Rodger Lang Strang (1948), 48, as a guising song [var.:  
4 For omitted/ It has a chair athoot a boddom,/ A stuil  
athoot a leg,/ A humfy-backit dresser/ And a bowsy-  
leggit bed]. Ritchie Singing Street (1964), 115, [var.:  
5 An auld broken table/ 8 And a bowdy-legged bed].

(2) *People's Journal Folk Song Supplement*, 18 Feb.  
1967, 7.

