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1.

I wadna ha'e a baker, ava, 'va, 'va,
I wadna ha'e a baker ava, 'va, 'va,
For he sits and he cracks,
And he burns a' his baps,
And I wadna ha'e a baker ava, 'va, 'va.

2.

I wadna ha'e a wiever, ava, 'va, 'va,
I wadna ha'e a wiever, ava, 'va, 'va,
For he sits and he girns,
And he raivels a' his pirns,
And I wadna ha'e a wiever, ava, 'va, 'va.

3.

Aw wadna be a weaver be ony, O,
Aw wadna be a weaver be ony, O,
For he sits an' he girns, an' ca's the creeshie pirn,
Aw wadna be a weaver be ony, O.

(1 - 2) Rymour Club Misc. II (1912-19), 27; (1) from Mintlaw, Buchan; (2) from Forfar, "possibly another verse." [Whence SC (1948), 149 (no. 268).]

(3) Jas. Cockburn, Selkirk, in SNQ IV.3 (Aug. 1890), 54.

A var. on the 3rd line: For he sits on his lume, an' he girns at the mune.

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