

O ken ye what Meg o' the Mill has gotten  
Meg O' The Mill  
Robert Burns, 1793, both versions

O ken ye what Meg o' the Mill has gotten,  
An' ken ye what Meg o' the Mill has gotten?  
She gotten a coof wi' a claut o' siller,  
And broken the heart o' the barley Miller.

2. The Miller was strappin, the Miller was ruddy;  
A heart like a lord, and a hue like a lady;  
The laird was a widdifu', bleerit knurl;  
She's left the gude fellow, and taen the churl.

3. The Miller he hecht her a heart leal and loving,  
The lair did address her wi' matter mair moving,  
A fine pacing-horse wi' a clear chained bridle,  
A whip by her side, and a bonie side-saddle.

4. O wae on the siller, it is sae prevailin',  
And wae on the love that is fixed on a mailen!  
A tocher's nae word in a true lover's parle,  
But gie me my love, and a fig for the warl'!

O ken ye what Meg o' the Mill has gotten,  
An' ken ye what Meg o' the Mill has gotten?  
A braw new naig wi' the tail o' a rottan,  
And that's what Meg o' the Mill has gotten.

2. O ken ye what Meg o' the Mill lo'es dearly,  
An' ken ye what Meg o' the Mill lo'es dearly?  
A dram o' gude strunt in the morning early,  
And that's what Meg o' the Mill lo'es dearly.

3. O ken ye how Meg o' the Mill was married,  
An' ken ye how Meg o' the Mill was married?  
The priest he was oxter'd, the clark he was carried,  
And that's how Meg o' the Mill was married.

4. O ken ye how Meg o' the Mill was bedded,  
An' ken ye how Meg o' the Mill was bedded?  
The groom gat sae fou', he fell awald beside it,  
And that's how Meg o' the Mill was bedded.