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Wee Cooper of Fife

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There was a wee cooper who lived in fife
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
And he has gotten a gentle wife
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

She wouldna bake, she wouldna brew
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
For spoiling o' her comely hue
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

Ahe wouldna wash, she wouldna wring,
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
For spoiling o' her gowden ring
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

She wouldna caird, she wouldna spin
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
For shaming of her gentle kin
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

The cooper has gone to his woo' pack
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
And laid a sheepskin on his wife's back
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

It's I'll no lether ye for your kin
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
But I will lether my own sheepskin
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

Oh, I will bake and I will brew
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
And think nae mair o' my comely hue
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

Oh, I will wash and I will wring
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
And think nae mair o' my gowden ring
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

I will caird and I will spin
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
And think nae mair o' my gentle kin
Hey Willie Wallacky, Hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

Noo you that have gotten a gentle wife
Nickety, nockety, noo, noo, noo
Just send ye for the wee cooper of Fife [1]
Hey Willie Wallacky, hey John Dougall
Alane quo' rushety, roo, roo, roo

[1] or,[Just mind ye o' the wee cooper o' Fife] MS

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