

Shinny On Your Own Side - song lyrics

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There's a phrase oft used by school-boys, in their games of noise and strife,
That we often hear again when years have passed:
You must shinny on your own side, as you travel on thro' life,
And do your best to reach the goal at last:
So when Ned and I were school-boys, ev'ry game we entered in
We did our best, with hopes of vict'ry gone:
And he'd say, if he defeated me, you did your best to win,
But the next time "shinny on your own side, John."

Chorus.

Shinny on your own side all thro' life,
Just the same as in the days of school-boy strife;
These words oft come back, tho' years have gone,
"Don't get mad, but shinny on your own side, John."

I remember we were both In Jove with little Nellie Gray,
And for quite awhile knew not which she preferred.
Till one day, with blushing face, he told me he had won the day,
And then the same old cry again I heard:
Now I won my vict'ry fairly, she is mine beyond dispute;
There are other girls, tho' Nelly Gray is gone:
And It may be that, before long, you will find one that will suit,
So be wise and "shinny on your own side, John."

Chorus.

Shinny on your own side all thro' life,
Just the same as in the days of school-boy strife:
These words oft came back, tho' years have gone,
"Don't get mad, but shinny on your own side, John."