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A COCKNEY'S LIFE FOR ME!

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You sing in praise of the new-mown hay,
And the wonderful scent it has,
Which you all prefer, I venture to say,
To the scent of the London gas.
You sing of the corn, and the poppies, too,
And the blossom on the apple-tree;
A Yokel's life for you, for you,
But a Cockney's life for me.
Yes, a Cockney's life for me.

You perceive a charm in standing by
A gard'ner hacking at twigs;
Or in leaning o'er a dirty sty,
A-staring at dirty pigs.
Or at lovely grapes that are "only on view,"
Which you go each day to see;
A-staring at grapes for you, for you,
But a-gulping 'em down for me.
Yes, a-gulping 'em down for me.

Of all the flowers of course you've heard,
And you know their Latin terms;
You've also heard of the early bird,
That gathers the wriggling worms.
You hear the cock-a-doodle-doo
Proclaim the dawn at three,
For it's "up with the lark" for you, for you,
But it's "wait till I ring" for me,
Yes, "wait till I ring" for me.

You walk to a house by sloppy routes,

To attend a county ball,

And you have to change your muddy boots,

And put on your pumps in the hall.

And after the ball you get wet through,

While trudging back at three;

Shanks' mare may do for you, for you,

But a Hansom cab for me,

Yes, a Hansom cab for me.

You attend a meet to hunt the fox,
On a beautiful horse you start,
While your two rich aunts in seedy frocks,
Will follow in a seedy cart.
Or you flog for a salmon with a 'doctor blue,'
On the Shannon, or the Tay, or the Dee,
If a salmon be caught by you, by you,
You can send it up to me,
Yes, you send it up to me.

I'm a regular cockney, I avow,
And I find as a general rule

That I can't tell a horse from an Alderney cow,
And I can't tell an ass from a fool.

And now I think I'll say adieu,
In case we don't agree;

There's the country train for you, for you,
And the London Express for me.
Yes, the London Express for me.

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