

# The Cock Flew Up In The Yew Tree (as collected)

Collected by Roy & Carol Palmer  
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Sung by Stan(80) & Gwen Partridge(78)  
of Cinderford, Glos

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Cock Flew Up In The Yew Tree'. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The score consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '1. The cock fled up in the yew tree, the hen came flut-ter-ing by. I wish you a mer-ry Christ - mas And a big fat pig in the sty. 2. The roads are ver - y dirt - y, My shoes are ver - y clean [thin]; I've got a lit - tle pock - et to put a pen - ny in. 3. If you hav-en't got a pen - ny, A ha' - p'ny will do. If you hav-en't got a ha' - p'ny God bless you.' Below the main score is a section labeled 'Spoken' with the lyrics 'And I wish you a mer - ry Christ - mas' and a musical notation for a two-measure phrase.

The cock fled up in the yew tree, the hen came fluttering by.  
I wish you a merry Christmas and a big fat pig in the sty.

The roads are very dirty, my shoes are very clean [thin]  
I've got a little pocket to put a penny in.

If you haven't got a penny, a ha'p'ny will do.  
If you haven't got a ha'p'ny God bless you.

[Spoken]

And I wish you a merry Christmas

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Source: Roy & Carol Palmer recording at British Library (Shelf mark CDR0010599 -copy of C1023/117)  
transcribed by Carol Palmer

<http://sounds.bl.uk/World-and-traditional-music/Traditional-music-in-England/025M-C1023X0117XX-0200V0>

Notes: 1. Age of singers as provided  
2. The song was sung by children when carol singing at each house after concluding their songs  
3. [thin] is suggested alternative to rhyme (line 4)

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