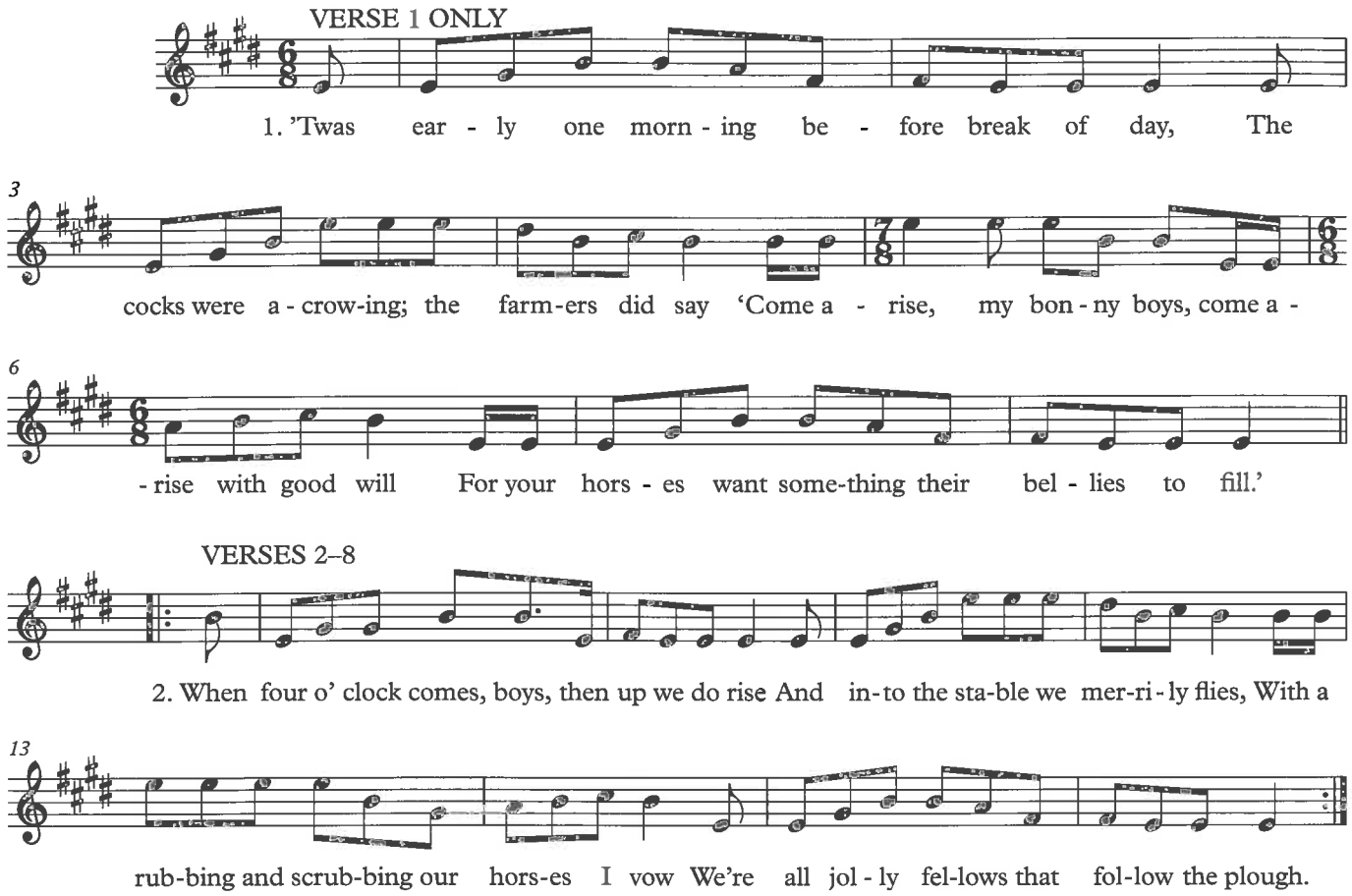
Disc 2

2 Pronunciation guide

All Jolly Fellows

Sussex, England



3. When six o'clock comes, boys, to breakfast we meet,
With beef, bread and pork, boys, most heartily eat,
With a piece in our pocket, I'll swear and I'll vow
That we're all jolly fellows that follow the plough.

4. Then we harness our horses and away we do go,
We nip o'er the plain, boys, as nimble as dough,
And when we get there, both merry and bold
To see which of us the straightest furrow can hold.

5. Now our master came to us and thus he did say:
'What have you been doing, boys, all this long day?
You've not ploughed an acre; I'll swear and I'll vow
That you're all idle fellows that follow the plough.'

6. I turned myself round and I made this reply:
'We've all ploughed an acre, so you tell a damn lie,
We've all ploughed an acre and I'll swear and I'll vow
That we're all jolly fellows that follow the plough.'

7. He turned himself round and he laughed at the joke;
'It's past two o'clock, boys, it's time to unyoke,
So unharness your horses and rub them down well
And I'll give you a jug of my very best ale.'

8. Now all you young fellows, wherever you be,
Never fear master nor be ruled by he,
Never fear master and I'll swear and I'll vow
That you're all jolly fellows that follow the plough.

The 'piece' in verse 3 is a piece of bread, to eat as a snack during work – an early form of ploughman's lunch? In verses 3–8, you will have to adjust the rhythm slightly here and there, to make the words fit the melody.

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