

# The Penny Wager

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*Collected by George Gardiner (Aug. 1907) from William Tod in Portsmouth Workhouse*

As I travelled from the North Country  
A seeking for good company  
It was good company I did find  
There's nothing to equal it to my mind

## *Chorus*

*Sing fol le riddle lero, rite fol le day  
I had in my pocket but one penny*

I saw two gentlemen playing at dice  
They took me to be some nobleman nice  
As they sat a-playing and I looking on  
They took me to be some nobleman's son

They asked of me if I would play  
I asked of them what bets they did lay  
The one said a guinea, the other ten pound  
The bargain was made but no money laid down

I took up the dice and gave it a spin  
It was my good fortune that time to win  
If I should have lost and not have won  
I'd have to have thrown my empty purse down

I stopped that night and part of next day  
When I thought it quite time to be jogging away  
I asked the landlady what was to pay  
She said 'Give us a kiss love and be on your way'.