

## Arlo Guthrie "Little Beggarman"

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Traditional, adapted  
By Arlo Guthrie

I am a little Beggar and a Beggar I have been  
For three score'r more in this little Isle of green  
And I'm known from the Liffy down to Segue  
And I'm known by the name of bold Donahue

Of all the trades a-goin' now sure beggin is the best  
When a man gets tired he can lay him down to rest  
He can beg for his dinner when there's nothing left to  
do  
Then just cut around the corner with his old Rigadoo

I slept in a barn way down in Curabawn  
A-waitin' in for the mornin' I slept till the dawn  
With the holes in the roof and the rain a-comin' through  
And the cats and the rats they were playin' peeka-boo

Who should awaken but the woman of the house  
With here white spotted apron and her calico blouse  
She began to frighten when I said boo!  
Sayin' don't be afraid ma'am it's old Johnny Dhu.

I met a little flaxy haired girl one day,  
Good morning little flaxy haired girl I say  
Good morning little Beggar Man and how do you do  
With your rags and your tags and your old Rigaioo

Buy a pair of leggings and a collar and a be  
And a nice big lady I will fetch by and by  
Buy a pair of goggles and I'll color them blue  
And an old fashioned lady I will make her too

Over the fields with the pack on my back  
Over the field with my great heavy sack  
With the holes in my shoes and the toes a'peekin'  
through  
Singin' skittilee rink-a-doodle it's the old Johnny Dhu

Must be going to bed boys, it's gettin' late at night  
All the fire's all raked and up goes the light

And now you've heard the story of my old Rigadoo  
It's "Good-bye God be with you" sings the old Johnny  
Dhu.

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