

Leadbelly "Gray Goose"

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Well, las' Monday mornin', Lawd, Lawd, Lawd,
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My daddy went a-huntin'
Well, he carried along his zulu¹
Well, along come a grey goose
Well, he throwed it to his shoulder,
An' he ram his hammer' way back
Well, he pulled on de trigger
Well, down he come a-windin'
He was six weeks a-fallin'
He was six weeks a-findin'
An' he put him on de wagon,
An' he taken him to de white house
He was six weeks a-pickin'
Lordy, your wife an' my wife,

Oh, they give a feather pickin'
An' they put him on to parboil²
He was six months a-parboil',
An' they put him on de table,
Now, de fork couldn' stick him,
An' de knife couldn't cut him
An' they throwed him in de hog-pen,
An' he broke de ol'sow's jawbone
An' they taken him to de sawmill,
An' he broke de saw's teeth out
An' de las' time I seed him,
Well, he's flyin' across de ocean,
Wid a long string o' goslin's,
An' they all goin': quank quink-quank

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