Walter Brennan "Henry Had a Merry Christmas"

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My dad used to raise turkeys for Christmas And about a week before he'd take them into town He always kept ther biggest one 'specially for us And mom'd cook it till it was golden brown.

One year he brought the usual batch home Just hatched with a lot of growing to do There was one awful skinny like he put in my care He never figured he'd pull through.

I named him Henry and with a young boys touch I finally got him to grow Now I knowed what'd happen if he'd growed to much I remember, I used to tell him so.

Henry you're growing a-way to fast Dad's got his eye on you And Christmas day is goin' to be you last Eating the way you do.

Course I never thought about the one dad sold How they'd end up in the oven too But I'd seen what happened when the ones he'd chose And what him and that axe could do.

Early one morning dad took 'em to town And sure enough Henry was left And by Christmas eve the way I moped around They all knew how bad I felt.

After supper dad left the house And everything was quiet exceptn' the old hall clock It was a long, long wait (tic tock, tic tock, tic tock, tic tock, tic)

Then we jumped straight up when the axe hit that choppin' block.

We shot out the back door to where dad was All of us a-runnin' around And dad just stood there grinnin' at us Then we heared a goblin sound. No, we didn't have turkey that Christmas day But that was alright with us And there weren't a one of us Who didn't want ot that way.

And you know Henry had a Merry Christmas...

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