

Bikel Theo

"Away With Rum"

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AWAY WITH RUM

(GGEE)

We're coming, we're coming, our brave little band

On the right side of temperance we do take our stand

We don't use tobacco, because we do think

The people who use it are likely to drink

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Away, away with rum by gum, with rum by gum, with
rum by gum

Away, away with rum by gum, the song of the
temperance union

We never eat fruit cake because it has rum

And one little taste turns a man to a bum

Oh, can you imagine a sorrier sight

Than a man eating fruit cake until he gets tight

We never eat cookies because they have yeast

And one little bite turns a man to a beast

Oh, can you imagine a sadder disgrace

Than a man in the gutter with crumbs on his face

If you wash your hair, never rinse it with beer

Because if you do, you'll get foam in your ear

And if there's one thing a young man must dread

It's dating a girl with a head on her head
If you pick your navel, don't do it with a knife
Because if you do you'll get the shock of your life
Oh, can you imagine a site quite a horrid
As a man pulling out his umbilical cord
We never eat peaches, because peaches ferment
And peaches ferment at the least little dent
Oh can you imagine a sorrier sight
Than a man drunk on peaches he thought were alright
We never eat oatmeal, because oatmeal is mush
And one little bite turns a man to a lush
Oh can you imagine the pain of a ma
To watch little junior act just like his pa
We never chew toothpicks because we recall
That wood ferments into wood alcohol
Oh can you imagine a sorrier sight
Than a man chewing toothpicks until he gets tight
We never drink water, they put it in gin
One little sip and a man starts to grin
Oh can you imagine the horrible sight
Of a man drinking water and singing all night

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recorded by Theo Bikel on Folksinger's Choice, also
Mitchell Trio

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