

Maccoll Ewan

"Abeggin I Will Go"

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A-BEGGIN' I WILL GO

Of all the trades in England the beggin' is the best

For when a beggar's tired, he can sit him down and rest

And a-beggin' I will go-o-o

And a-beggin' I will go

I've a poke for me ma'le and another for me rye

I've a bottle by me side, to drink when I am dry

CHORUS

I've a poke for me salt an another for me malt

I've a pair of little crutches, you should see how I can halt.

CHORUS

I've been abeggin' seven years with me ol' wooden leg

For lame I've been, since I was born, and so I'm forced to beg

CHORUS

In a hollow tree I pass the night, and there I pay no rent

Providence provides for me, and I am well content

CHORUS

English Traditional

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