

Kingston Trio, The

"The Escape Of John Webb"

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Five men to guard the British rank
And five to watch the town above
And two to stand at either hand
And one to let Bill Tenner out

He had eighty weight of Spanish iron
Between his neck bone and his knee
But Billy took Johnny up under his arm
And lugged him away right manfully

And Billy broke locks and Billy broke bolts
And Billy broke all that he came nigh
Until he came to the dungeon door
And that he broke right manfully

So they stole them a horse and away did ride
And who what they rode gallantly
Until they came to the river bank
To the river runnin' wild and free

The British were comin' close on their heels
And who but they stood fearfully
'Til Billy took Johnny up on his back
And carried him over it easily

And Billy broke locks and Billy broke bolts
And Billy broke all that he came nigh
Until he came to the dungeon door
And that he broke right manfully

So they called at the inn for a room to dance
And who but they danced merrily
And the very best dancer among them all
Was old John Webb who was just set free

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