

Intro (x4)

Verse 3:

D Am C G Am As2 Am As2
They've hired men with the scythes so sharp,
D C G Am As2 Am As2
to cut him off at the knee
D Am C G Am As2 Am As2
They've rolled him and tied him by the waist,
D C G Am As2 Am As2
serving him most barbarously.

Chorus 3:

C C/B Am
They've hired men with the sharp pitchforks,
C D Es4 E Es4 E
who pricked him to the heart
Dm Am C G Am As2 Am As2
And the loader he has served him worse than that,
D C G Am As2 Am As2
for he's bound him to the cart

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Verse 4:

D Am C G Am As2 Am As2
They've wheeled him around and around the field,
D C G Am As2 Am As2
til they came unto a barn
D Am C G Am As2 Am As2
And there they made a solemn oath,
D C G Am As2 Am As2
on poor John Barleycorn

Chorus 4:

C C/B Am
They've hired men with the crab-tree sticks,
C D Es4 E Es4 E
to cut him skin from bone
Dm Am C G Am As2 Am As2
And the miller he has served him worse than that,
D C G Am As2 Am As2
for he's ground him between two stones

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Verse 5:

D Am C G Am As2 Am As2
And little Sir John and the nut-brown bowl
D C G Am As2 Am As2
and he's brandy in the glass
D Am C G Am As2 Am As2
And little Sir John and the nut-brown bowl
D C G Am As2 Am As2
proved the strongest man at last

Chorus 5:

C C/B Am
The huntsman, he can't hunt the fox,
C D Es4 E Es4 E
nor so loudly to blow his horn
Dm Am C G Am As2 Am As2
And the tinker he can't mend kettle nor pots,
D C G A
without a little Barleycorn