



In Thorny Woods
in Buckinghamshire
Sussex folk song

arr.

John S. Curwen
(1847-1916)

John Spencer Curwen (1847-1916) was born in Plaistow, England. He was the son of Rev. John Curwen (1816–1880), the successful music publisher who developed and promoted “Tonic Sol-fa” system of music reading and founded the Tonic Sol-fa College. He was educated at the Royal Academy of Music, studying under Sir George A. Macfarren, Sir Arthur Sullivan, and Ebenezer Prout. He assisted his father and succeeded him as head of the publishing company J. Curwen and Sons. He also served as principal of the Tonic Sol-fa College. He was editor of the Tonic Sol-fa Reporter and the Musical Herald. He composed a number of works and made numerous Tonic Sol-fa editions of major choral works by many major composers.

In Thorny Woods in Buckinghamshire,
Right-fol-lol de-li-de O,
O there’s a place to hunt the deer,
Fol-de-rol lol-de-ri-do;
Through open path and grassy glade,
Through sunny ranges and deepening shade,
The hunters ride in scarlet arrayed,
Fol-de-rol fol-de-rol li-do.

’Tis sweet to hear the sound of the horn,
Right-fol-lol de-li-de O,
A-wake the echoes of the horn,
Fol-de-rol lol-de-ri-do;
’Tis fine to view the huntsmen gay
Go sweeping on in the turf-covered way,
Or see the stags stand boldly at bay,
Fol-de-rol lol-de-rol li-do.

In Thorny Woods in Buckinghamshire,
Right-fol-lol de-li-de O,
The air is fresh and crisp and clear,
Fol-de-rol lol-de-ri-do;
There joyous songs on high shall rise,
And joyous voices shall gladden the skies,
When dogs and men return with the prize,
Fol-de-rol lol-de-rol li-do.

based on text by Andrew James Foxwell (1826-1903)

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Sussex, arr. J. S. Curwen

S
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Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,
Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,
Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,
In Thorn - y Woods in Buck - ing - ham - shire, Right - fol - lol de - li - de O, O

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Fol - de - rol lol - de - ri - do; Thro'
Fol - de - rol lol - de - ri - do; Thro'
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there's a place to hunt the deer, Fol - de - rol lol - de - ri - do; Thro'

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S o - pen path and gras - sy glade, The

A o - pen path and gras - sy glade, Thro' sun - ny ran - ges and deep - en - ing shade, The

T o - pen path and gras - sy glade, Thro' sun - ny ran - ges and deep - en - ing shade, The

B o - pen path and gras - sy glade, The

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S hunt - ers ride in scar - let ar - ray'd, Fol - de - rol fol - de - rol li - do.

A hunt - ers ride in scar - let ar - ray'd, Fol - de - rol fol - de - rol li - do.

T hunt - ers ride in scar - let ar - ray'd, Fol - de - rol fol - de - rol li - do.

B hunt - ers ride in scar - let ar - ray'd, Fol - de - rol fol - de - rol li - do.

S Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,

A Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,

T Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,

B 'Tis sweet to hear the sound of the horn, Right - fol - lol de - li - de O, A -

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S Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; 'Tis

A Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; 'Tis

T Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; 'Tis

B wake the ech - oes of the horn, Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; 'Tis

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S fine to view the hunts - men gay Or

A fine to view the hunts - men gay Go sweep - ing on in the turf - cov - er'd way, Or

T fine to view the hunts - men gay Go sweep - ing on in the turf - cov - er'd way, Or

B fine to view the hunts - men gay Or

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S see the stags stand bold - ly at bay, Fol - de-rol lol - de - rol li - do.

A see the stags stand bold - ly at bay, Fol - de-rol lol - de - rol li - do.

T see the stags stand bold - ly at bay, Fol - de-rol lol - de - rol li - do.

B see the stags stand bold - ly at bay, Fol - de-rol lol - de - rol li - do.

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S Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,

A Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,

T Right - fol - lol de - li - de O,

B In Thorn - y Woods in Buck - ing - ham - shire, Right - fol - lol de - li - de O, The

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S Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; _____ There

A Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; _____ There

T Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; _____ There

B air is fresh and crisp and clear, Fol - de-rol lol - de - ri - do; _____ There

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S joy - ous songs on high shall rise, _____ When

A joy - ous songs on high shall rise, And joy - ous voic - es shall glad - den the skies, _____ When

T joy - ous songs on high shall rise, And joy - ous voic - es shall glad - den the skies, _____ When

B joy - ous songs on high shall rise, _____ When

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S
dogs and men re - turn with the prize, Fol - de - rol lol - de - rol li - do.

A
dogs and men re - turn with the prize, Fol - de - rol lol - de - rol li - do.

T
dogs and men re - turn with the prize, Fol - de - rol lol - de - rol li - do.

B
dogs and men re - turn with the prize, Fol - de - rol lol - de - rol li - do.

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