

Old Woman

A lullaby from Simon McDonald from Victoria. There are versions dating back to the earliest published collections of nursery rhymes. This is quite unique with the lilted chorus. However it seemed too short to me hence my two extra verses.

Capo 3

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are: "There once was an old woman she was rolled in a blanket, She was ninety-nine times as high as the moon, 'Old woman, old woman, old woman,' said I, 'Where are you going, you're climbing so high.' 'I'm going to sweep up cobwebs from the sky And if you just wait I'll be with you by and by.'" The chorus consists of two lines of "Fal da da di did-dle da di did-dle da di" repeated. The score includes guitar chords: D, F, G, Bb, A7, and C7. A capo is indicated at the 3rd fret. The piece ends with a double bar line.

There once was an old woman she was rolled in a blanket,
She was ninety-nine times as high as the moon,
"Old woman, old woman, old woman," said I,
"Where are you going, you're climbing so high."
"I'm going to sweep up cobwebs from the sky
And if you just wait I'll be with you by and by."
Fal da da di did-dle da di did-dle da di
Fal da da di did-dle da di did-dle da di
Fal da da di did-dle da di di da di da di
And if you just wait I'll be with you by and by.

There once was an old sailor he was singing a song
He was ninety-nine miles away from the shore
"Old sailor, old sailor, old sailor," said I,
"Where are you going, you're sailing so far."
"I'm going to find some treasures from the sea
And if you just wait I'll be with you by and by."

There once was an old swagman he was walking outback
He was ninety-nine miles on the wallaby track
"Old swagman, old swagman, old swagman," said I,
"Where are you going, you're walking so far."
"I'm looking for work and a place for a feed
And if you just wait I'll be with you by and by."