

Ben Hall

A new ballad in traditional style by John Dengate (from Bush Music Club Newsletter May 1969). Tune by David Johnson 2014

Verse

Ben Hall is out to get re-venge for what the troops have done - ,
And Oh Sir Fred - rick Pot - tin - ger, by God you'd bet - ter run - .

The musical notation for the verse consists of two staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has four measures with chords G, D7, G, and D7. The second staff has four measures with chords C, G, D7, and G. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Chorus

Look out Sir Fred, stay in your bed, stick close to your a - bode;
Be - ware Sir Fred for Bold Ben Hall is out up - on the road.

The musical notation for the chorus consists of two staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has four measures with chords D7, G, D7, and G. The second staff has four measures with chords C, G, D7, and G. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ben Hall, he fights them fair & square, He fights them man to man,
Come on Sir Frederick Pottinger and catch him if you can.

The deeds of Hall and Gilbert, they have set the world ablaze;
Ben Hall is the unchallenged lord of all that he surveys.

Now bold Ben Hall has been betrayed, Ben Hall he has been sold –
They've slaughtered him at Goobang Creek; in death he's lying cold.

But Pottinger, the man of blood, a coward's death has died
And Ben Hall has the victory in the tyrant's suicide.