

The New England Cockie

To 'Roast Beef of Old England'

Originally given in Paterson's Old Bush Songs 1924 to 'Roast Beef of Old England'. Alternative tune is from Alex Hood.

Musical score for the first tune. It consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are: 'Twas a New Eng - land cock - y of whom I've been told Who died, so t'is said, on ac - - count of the cold. As he lay on his death - bed and wrestl - ed with Fate, He called on his child - ren to share the estate. Chords: D, A7, G, A7, D, A7, E7, A7, D, A7, G, A7, D.

Alternative tune

Musical score for the alternative tune. It consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are: 'Twas a New Eng - land cock - y of whom I've been told Who died, so t'is said, on ac - - count of the cold. As he lay on his death - bed and wrestl - ed with Fate, He called on his child - ren to share the estate. Chords: G, D7, C, G, G, D7, C, D7, G, Em, Bm, C, G, C, D7, G.

'Twas an New England cocky of whom I've been told
Who died, so t'is said, on account of the cold.
As he lay on his deathbed and wrestled with Fate,
He called on his children to share the estate.

'Let John have the pig and the pet native bear,
The old kangaroo can be Margaret's share;
Let Mike have the possum that comes when he's called,
And Katy the emu although he's gone bald.'

'To Mary I'm leaving the pink cockatoo,
And that's about all your poor father can do.
There's fish in the creek and there's fowl on the lake;
Let each have as much as their needs do dictate.'

'Farewell, my dear children, no more can I leave.
Don't quarrel, or else my poor spirit will grieve
And if you should marry and have children, my prayer,
Is remember I nursed you on pumpkin and bear.'