

Hoyda, hoyda, jolly rutterkin

Poem possibly by
John Skelton (1460-1529)

attributed to William Cornish (14?? - 1523)

Alto or Tenor

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Bass

Hoy - da, hoy - da jol - ly Rut - ter - kin, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da
Hoy - da, hoy - da jol - ly Rut ter - kin, hoy - da, hoy - da

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da like a Rut - ter - kin, hoy - da.
da, hoy - da like a Rut - ter - kin hoy - da.
da like a Rut - ter - kin hoy - da.

8 Refrain

Hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - day hoy - da,
Hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da,
Hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - day, Hoy - da, hoy -


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hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - te - kin hoy - da, like a
hoy da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da like
da, hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, like a

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Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - day, hoy -
 a Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - day, hoy -
 Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da,

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day, — hoy - da, hoy — da, hoy - - - da. **End of refrain** 
 da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - - - da.
 hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - da, hoy - - - da.

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In a cloak with - out
 Rut - ter-kin is come un - to our town, In a cloak with - out
 Rut - ter-kin is come un - to our town, In a cloak with - out

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coat or gown, to co - ver his crown, Like a
 coat or gown, Save a rag - ged hood to co-ver his crown, Like
 coat or gown, Save a rag - ged hood to co-ver his crown, Like a

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Rutt - kin Hoy - da, Hoy - da jol - ly Rut - ter -
 a Rutt - kin Hoy - da, Hoy - da
 Rut - te - kin Hoy - da, Hoy - dy jol - ly Rut - ter -

Repeat refrain

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kin, hoy - da, hoy - da like a Rut - ter-kin, hoy - da.

jol - ly Rut-ter-kin, hoy - da, hoy - da like a Rut-ter-kin hoy - da.

kin, hoy - da, hoy - da like a Rut - ter-kin hoy - da.

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Rut - ter-kin can speak no Eng - - lish, his

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His tongue run - neth

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tongue run - neth all on but - tered fish, bes - meared

bes - meared with grease

all on but - tered fish, be - smeared with grease

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with grease a - bout his dish

a - bout his dish, a - bout his dish,

a - bout his dish, a - bout his dish,

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like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy - da,

like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy -

like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy - da,

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jol - ly Rut - ter - kin hoy - day, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter - kin
da, jol - ly Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter -
jol - ly Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter -

59 Repeat refrain

hoy - da.
kin hoy - da. Rut - ter - kin shall bring you all good luck,
kin hoy - da. Rut - ter - kin shall bring you all good

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A stoup of beer up at a pluck, at a pluck, up at a
A stoup of beer up at a pluck, at a pluck, up at a
luck, A stoup of beer up at a pluck, at a pluck, at a pluck,

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pluck, till his brain be as wise as a
pluck,
till his brain be as wise as

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duck, as a duck, a
till his brain be as wise as a
a duck, as

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duck, a duck, like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy - da,
 duck, a duck, like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy -
 a duck, like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy - da,

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jol - ly Rut - ter - kin hoy - da hoy - da, like a Rut - ter - kin
 day, jol - ly Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter -
 jol - ly Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter -

83 Repeat refrain

hoy - da.
 kin hoy - da. When Rut - ter - kin from board will rise
 kin hoy - da. When Rut - ter - kin from board will rise,

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He will piss a gal - lon pot full at twice,
 he will piss a gal - lon pot full at twice, and the o - ver -
 he will piss a gal - lon pot full at twice, and the o - ver -

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and the o - ver plus un - der the ta - ble of the new
 plus of the new guise, of the new guise
 plus un - der the ta - ble of the new guise, of the new guise,

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guise, like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, jol - ly Rut - ter -

guise, like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy - da,

— like a Rutt - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, jol - ly Rut - ter -

103 Repeat refrain

kin hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter - kin hoy - da.

jol - ly Rut - ter - kin hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter - kin hoy - da.

kin hoy - da, hoy - da, like a Rut - ter - kin hoy - da.

Source is "A General History of the Science and Practice of Music" by Sir John Hawkins, page 370 in the 1853 edition. Lyrics have been altered to follow modern editions of this poem, except that "Rutterkin" is contracted to "Ruttkin" rather than "Rutter". According to Hawkins and others the song is a satire on the drunken Flemings who came to England with Anne of Cleves on her marriage to King Henry VIII, but both Cornish and Skelton had died over a decade before that event. The OED indicates that "rutterkin" means "a swaggering gallant or bully" and that "hoyda" or "heyday" is "an exclamation of gaiety or amusement".