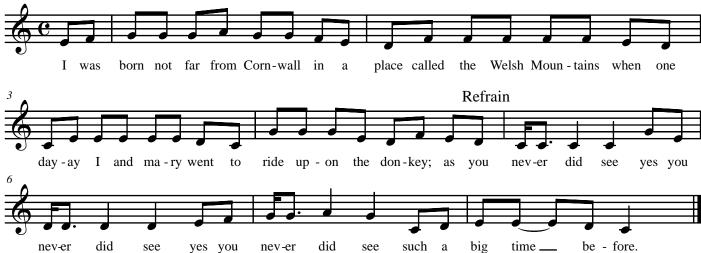
My Welsh Relation

As sung by D. W. Wickham 08-19-1940 Dodgeville, WI



Verse 1.

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I was born not far from Corwall In a place called the Welsh Mountains When one day I and Mary Went to ride upon the donkey;

Refrain

As you never did see, Yes you never did see, Yes you never did see Such a big time before.

Verse 2.

Then we went to the railway station For to meet a welsh relation Well young Jones a comma Henry Come to see the open railway; (refrain)

Verse 3.

There was John and Shawn and Mary Drinking pie and eatting sherry Dancing away to tune of fiddle Up the sides and down the middle; (refrain)

Verse 4.

Then we went to see the engine It was puffing and a blowing It were made of wonderous power It could go three mile an hour; (refrain)

Verse 5.

It was puff and blow and whistle Making noise just like old devil And poor Mary was scared all over Thought the old chap had come for her;

Verse 6.

She is have-a sister Bella She is have-a umberella She is think so much about it She is never go without it;

Critical Commentary

Transcription by MB. HST transcribed lyrics only.

HST notes:

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Sung by Dr. Dan Wickham, age --, 1940.

The Welsh tune "Y Mochyn Du" was used by some local bard for his verses about "My Welsh Relation." The identity of the author is not certain. He may have been Tom Jones, "Baptist" who lived in the Garrison Grover district near Dodgeville. The song is quite generally known throughout Iowa county.

A heavy Welsh brogue, such as Dr. Wickham employs, is essential to the singing of this song.

Although Mr. Jones made this claim [of writing the song] there is some doubt in the mind of the singer as to its validity.

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