

TRANSCRIPTION

Charlie Lamb sings “The Overgate”

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[This recording was made in August 1988 at a house in St. Andrews, Fife, that John Niles and his research team were renting at the time. Present were Charlie Lamb, John Niles, and seven members of Niles’s group. Two phrases in this song are hard to make out and are set between curly brackets.] =]

[*Charlie Lamb sings:*]

1 As I gaed up the Overgate,
Feelin awfy dry,
I met a lass and behind a glass
{? That mine lads ae wud fly?}

*Chorus: Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

2 Noo I asked her what her name it was,
Said she, “Jemima Ross,
I live awa up in {Durpin Lane}
At the back o the Beefcan Close.”

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

3 Noo I asked her lodgin wifie’s name,
She said it was Mrs Bruce.
That night I got an invitation
Tae gang up tae the hoose.

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

4 Noo I gaed awa up tae the hoose,
The stairs bein awfy dark;
I pinned my money intae my pooch
And I tied it to the tail o my sark.

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

5 Noo I gaed awa intae the hoose

An ony chair I sat doon,
She winked at me wi the tail o her ee
Said she, "Step in the room."

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

- 6 Noo I gaed awa intae the room
Beside her I did keep;
We had some beer, I felt gey queer
An I soon fell fast asleep.

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

- 7 Noo aa that nicht I thought I was lyin
In the airms o Jemima Rose,
But instead of that I was lyin on my back
In the middle o the Beefcan Close.

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

- 8 Noo aa young lads tak my advice:
When you gang oot for a lark,
Jist be like me when you're on the spree,
Tie your money in the tail o your sark!

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day*

*Ricky doo dum day, doo dum day,
Ricky dicky doo dum day.*

All: [Applause, laughter.]