

Songs

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 in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Ben Hall is out to get re-venge for what the troops have done - ,". The second staff contains the accompaniment with lyrics: "And Oh Sir Fred - rick Pot - tin - ger, by God you'd bet - ter run - .". Chords are indicated above the notes: G, D7, G, D7, C, G, D7, G.

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 in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Look out Sir Fred, stay in your bed, stick close to your a - bode;". The second staff contains the accompaniment with lyrics: "Be - ware Sir Fred for Bold Ben Hall is out up - on the road.". Chords are indicated above the notes: D7, G, D7, G, C, G, D7, G.

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.