

Marrow Bones

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There was an old woman, who in our town did dwell
Who loved her husband dearly, but another man twice as
well

She went to the doctor to see what she could find
To see what she could find, sir, for to make her old
man blind

Feed him eggs and marrow bones, feed them to him all
And you'll make you old man so blind that he won't see
you at all

She fed him eggs and marrow bones. She fed them to him
all

And she made her old man so blind that he couldn't see
her at all

Now that I'm getting old and blind, I'm weary of my
life

So I will go and drown myself, and that will end my
strife

To drown yourself to drown yourself, now that would be
a sin

You just stand by the river bank and I will push you in
So the old woman, she took a running jump for to push
the old man in

The old man he just stepped aside, and the old woman
she fell in

"Save me, save me," the old woman she did call.

The old man said "I am so blind that I can't see you at
all."

She swam along, she swam along till she came to the
river's brim

But the old man he got a big long pole, and he pushed
her further in

So now the old woman is dead and gone, and the devil
has got her soul

And wasn't she just a durned old fool, that she didn't
grab that

pole

Eggs, eggs and marrow bones will make your old man
blind

But if you want for to do him in, creep up from behind