

# Benjamin Bowmaneer

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Have you heard how the wars began  
Benjamin Bowmaneer?  
Have you heard how the wars began?

Castors away  
Have you heard how the wars began  
When England fought to a man?  
The proud tailor rode prancing away

From a shear board he made a horse  
Benjamin Bowmaneer  
Shear board he made a horse  
Castors away  
From a shear board he made a horse  
So he could ride across  
The proud tailor rode prancing away

From his scissors made bridle bits  
Benjamin Bowmaneer  
Scissors made bridle bits  
Castors away  
From his scissors made bridle bits  
To keep his horse in his wits  
The proud tailor rode prancing away

And as he rode o'er the lea  
Benjamin Bowmaneer  
As he rode o'er the lea  
Castors away  
And as he rode o'er the lea  
He spied a fly on his knee  
The proud tailor rode prancing away

From his needle he made a spear  
Benjamin Bowmaneer  
Needle he made a spear  
Castors away  
From his needle he made a spear  
And pierce the fly in his ear  
And the proud tailor rode prancing away

From his thimble he made a bell  
Benjamin Bowmaneer  
Thimble he made a bell  
Castors away  
From his thimble he made a bell  
To toll the flea's funeral knell  
The proud tailor rode prancing away

And that's how the wars began  
Benjamin Bowmaneer?  
that's how the wars began?  
Castors away  
And thats how the wars began  
When England fought to a man?  
the proud tailor rode prancing  
the tailor rode prancing

the tailor rode prancing away