

False Knight on the Road

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oh where are you going?
says the false knight on the road.
i'm going to me school.
says the wee boy and still he stood.
what is on your back?
says the false knight on the road.
me bundles and me books
says the wee boy and still he stood.

i came a walking by your door
says the false knight on the road.
that lay in your way
says the wee boy and still he stood.
i flung your dog a stone
says the false knight on the road.
i wish it was a bone
says the wee boy and still he stood.

-instrumental-

oh what sheep and cattles that
says the false knight on the road.
they're mine and me fathers
says the wee boy and still he stood.
and how many shall be mine?
says the false knight on the road.
the ones that have the blue tail
says the wee boy and still he stood.

-instrumental-

oh can i get a share of them?
says the false knight on the road.
you cannot get a share of them
says the wee boy and still he stood.
and why the stick all in your hand?
says the false knight on the road.
to keep me from all cold and harm
says the wee boy and still he stood.

oh i wish you were in yonder tree
says the false knight on the road.
a ladder under me
says the wee boy and still he stood.
the ladder it'll break
says the false knight on the road
and you will surely break
says the wee boy and still he stood.

-instrumental-

i wish you were on yonder sea
says the false knight on the road.
a good boat under me
says the wee boy and still he stood.
the boat will surely sink
says the false knight on the road

and you will surely drown
says the wee boy and still he stood.

-instrumental-

has your mother more than you
says the false knight on the road.
none of them for you.
says the wee boy and still he stood.
i think i hear a bell
says the false knight on the road
it's ringing you to hell
says the wee boy and still he stood.

-instrumental-