



... old song sung by, among others, Annie Watkins, a traditional singer from the Hilltown area in Dundee, born in 1912.

The Beefcan Close in G

G G

As [G] I gaed up the Overgate

A lassie I did [D] spy

She [G] winked tae me wi' the [D] tail o' her ee

As [G] I gaed passin' [C] by

Ricky [G] doo dum day doo dum day

Ricky dicky [D] doo dum [G] day

I [G] asked her what her name was

Says she Jemima [D] Ross

An' I [G] bide up the toon wi' [D] Mistress Broon

In a [G] hoose in the Beefcan [C] Close

Ricky [G] doo dum day doo dum day Ricky dicky [D] doo dum [G] day

As [G] I gaed up the Beefcan Close

The stairs were awfie [D] dark

So I [G] taen ma siller fae ma [D] inside pooch

An' [G] tied it tae the tail o' ma [C] sark

Ricky [G] doo dum day doo dum day Ricky dicky [D] doo dum [G] day

Nae [G] sooner had we settled doon

Tae spend a peacefu' [D] nicht
When [G] at the door cam a [D] loud rat-tat
At the [G] brakin' o' day[C]licht

Ricky [G] doo dum day doo dum day Ricky dicky [D] doo dum [G] day

In [G] stepped twa big policemen
An' grabbed me by the [D] hair
They [G] gar'd me dance a [D] whirly-ma-jig
An' ma [G] sark fell doon the [C] stair

Ricky [G] doo dum day doo dum day Ricky dicky [D] doo dum [G] day

But [G] man I had a dream that nicht
I dreamt o' Jemima [D] Ross
But [G] when I awoke I was [D] lyin' on ma back
In the [G] middle o' the Beefcan [C] Close

Ricky [G] doo dum day doo dum day Ricky dicky [D] doo dum [G] day

Now [G] when tae the toon you venture
And if the stairs are [D] dark
An' ye're [G] on the spree just [D] be like me
Tie yir [G] siller tae the tail o' yer [C] sark.

Chorus x2: Ricky [G] doo dum day doo dum day
Ricky dicky [D] doo dum [G] day