

Le Bon Petit Roi d'Yvetot

Il était un roi d'Yvetot
 Peu connu dans l'histoire,
 Se levant tard, se couchant tôt,
 Dormant fort bien sans gloire,
 Et couronné par Jeanneton
 D'un simple bonnet de coton.
 Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah!
 Quel bon petit roi c'était là!

Il faisait ses quatre repas
 Dans son palais de chaume,
 Et sur un âne, pas à pas,
 Parcourait son royaume,
 Joyeux, simple et croyant le bien,
 Pour toute garde il n'avait rien qu'un chien.
 Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah!
 Quel bon petit roi c'était là!

The little king of Yvetot
 In history was unknown.
 He got up late, slept well at night
 Because he had no throne,
 And on his head wore for a crown
 A cotton bonnet like his gown.
 Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!
 Good little king of Yvetot.

Within his castle warm and bright
 His feasts were very grand,
 And on his donkey step by step
 He went through all the land.
 His little dog would trot behind
 To guard this king so good and kind.
 Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!
 Good little king of Yvetot.

—English version by Betty Paret

French Folk-Song

Fast

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is marked 'Fast' and 'f'. The second system is marked 'ff'. The third system is marked 'p'. The music features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with various fingerings and articulations indicated.

Note: On an Irish harp the E# may be played as F.