Old Roger

Words & Music: Traditional

This song was originally called "Cromwell is dead" and referred to the overthrow of Oliver Cromwell and the restoration of the monarchy. This is the American version.

Old Roger is dead and lies in his grave. lies in his grave. lies in his grave. Old Roger is dead and lies in his grave, Hee! Hi! Lies in his grave.

They planted an apple tree over his head, over his head. They planted an apple tree over his head. Hee! Hi! Over his head.

The apples got ripe and they all tumbled down, all tumbled, all tumbled down. The apples got ripe and they all tumbled down Hee! Hi! All tumbled down.

There came an old lady a pickin' 'em up, pickin' 'em up, pickin' 'em up. There came an old lady a pickin' 'em up. Hee! Hi! Pickin' 'em up.

Old Roger gets up and gives her a thump, gives her a thump, gives her a thump. Old Roger gets up and gives her a thump. Hee! Hi! Gives her a thump.

Which makes the old lady go hippity-hop, hippity-hop, hippity-hop. Which makes the old lady go hippity-hop. Hee! Hi! Hippity-hop.