

The TWANG MAN

**COME LISTEN TO MY STORY
IT'S ABOUT A FINE YOUNG MAN
WHEN THE MILITIA WASN'T WANTING HIM
HE DEALT IN HAWKING TWANG
HE LOVED A FAIR YOUNG MAIDEN
AS FAIR AS ANY MIDGE
AND HE KEPT A TREACLE DEPOT
ONE SIDE OF THE CARLISLE BRIDGE**

**ANOTHER ONE CAME COURTING HER
HIS NAME WAS MICKEY BAGS
HE WAS A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER
WHO DEALT IN BONES AND RAGS
WELL HE TOOK HER OUT TO SANDYMOUNT
TO SEE THE WATERS ROLL
AND HE STOLE THE HEART OF THE TWANG-MAN'S MOT
PLAYING BILLY-IN-THE-BOWL**

**NOW WHEN THE TWANG-MAN HEARD OF THIS
HE FLEW INTO A TERRIBLE RAGE
AND HE SWORE BY THE CONTENTS OF HIS CART
ON HIM HE'D HAVE REVENGE
SO HE STOOD IN WAIT BY JAMES'S GATE
TILL THE POOR OLD BAGS CAME UP
AND WITH HIS TWANG KNIFE HE TOOK THE LIFE
OF THE POOR OLD GATHER-EM-UP!**

**SO NOW YOU'VE HEARD MY STORY
AND I HOPE YOU'LL BE GOOD MEN
AND NOT GO CHASING A TWANG-MAN'S MOT
OR ANY OTHER OLD HEN
FOR SHE'LL LEAVE YOU WITHOUT A BRASS FARTHING
NOT EVEN AN OLD SACK OF RAGS
AND YOU'LL END UP IN THE GUTTER THERE
LIKE POOR OLD MICKEY BAGS!**

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TWANG = TOFFEE

MOT = GIRL

CARLISLE BRIDGE = O'CONNELL BRIDGE

BILLY IN THE BOWL = full story at

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