

The tale of Sir Eglamore and the dragon

Traditional English. Edited by Lucie Skeaping

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Sir Eglamore that valiant knight
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
He fetched his sword and he went to fight;
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
And as he rode o'er hill and dale
All clothed in his coat of mail
With a fa, la, fa, la, lanky down dilly.

A huge great dragon leapt out of her den
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
Who'd killed the Lord knows how many men;
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
And when she saw Sir Eglamore
I wish you'd heard that dragon roar
With a fa, la, fa, la, lanky down dilly.

Then all the trees began to shake
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
The earth did tremble, the knight did quake;
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
The birds all flew away in fright,
They did not want to see the fight
With a fa, la, fa, la, lanky down dilly.

The dragon's skin was tough and thick
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
Which made it very hard to prick;

with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
The knight he flew with hacks and cuts
But could not pierce the dragon's guts!
With a fa, la, fa, la, lanky down dilly.

But now the knight in rage did burn
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
He owed that dragon a right good turn;
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
Then as the beast began to fall
He thrust his sword, the hilt and all.
With a fa, la, fa, la, lanky down dilly

The dragon groaned and away did fly
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
Back to her den which was nearby
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
And there she laid her down and roared.
(Oh, dear, the knight had lost his sword!)
With a fa, la, lanky down dilly.

Then from the fight, to the tavern he went
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
And soon enough, his tuppence he spent;
with a fa, la, lanky down dilly
He was so hot, the fight was done,
Sir Eglamore had been and won!



With a fa, la, fa, la, lanky down dilly.

Now God preserve our king and queen

with a fa, la, lanky down dilly

That all round England may be seen;

with a fa, la, lanky down dilly

As many knights, and many more

And all as brave as Eglamore!

With a fa, la, fa, la, lanky down dilly.

