

Hares on the Mountain - accompaniment

capo 3



1. If all you young women were hares on the mountain,
If all you young women were hares on the mountain,
Wouldn't all the young boys would take guns and go hunting?
With a whack-fol-de-riddle-der-o, and a whack-fol-de-riddle-day.
2. If women could sing like blackbirds and thrushes,
If women could sing like blackbirds and thrushes,
Wouldn't all the young boys go to beating the bushes?
With a whack-fol-de-riddle-der-o, and a whack-fol-de-riddle-day.
3. If all the young women were rushes a-growing,
If all the young women were rushes a-growing,
Wouldn't all the young boys take up scythes and go mowing?
With a whack-fol-de-riddle-der-o, and a whack-fol-de-riddle-day.
4. If all you young women were ducks in the water,
If all you young women were ducks in the water,
Wouldn't all the young boys go undress and dive after?
With a whack-fol-de-riddle-der-o, and a whack-fol-de-riddle-day.

"Hares on the Mountain" is one of the best known song from Southern England and was published by Cecil Sharp in his **Folk Songs from Somerset**. He collected nine separate versions.

The tune is similar to "Sally My Dear".

It has been recorded by The High Level Ranters, Steeleye Span and others. I learned it from the Steeleye Span recording.