

The Sexual Life of the Camel

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of 12 measures. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: G, C, G, C, D7, G, C, G, C, D7, G, and a first/second ending bracket over the final two measures. The melody begins with a repeat sign at the start and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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| <p>1. The sexual life of the camel,
Is stranger than anyone thinks,
In moments of amorous passion,
He frequently buggers the Sphinx,
But the Sphinx's posterior passage
Is clogged with the sands of the Nile,
Which accounts for the hump on the camel,
And the sphinx's inscrutable smile.</p> | <p>In the process of syphilization,
From the anthropoid ape down to man,
It is generally held that the Navy,
Has bugged whatever it can,
Yet recent extensive researches,
By Darwin and Huxley and Hall,
Conclusively prove that the hedgehog,
Has never been bugged at all.</p> |
| <p>2. The sexual life of the ostrich,
Is hard to understand,
At the height of the mating season,
It buries its head in the sand.
If another ostrich should find it,
Standing there with its ass in the air,
Does it have the urge to grind it,
Or doesn't it bloody-well care?</p> | <p>We therefore believe our conclusion,
Is incontrovertibly shown,
That comparative safety on shipboard,
Is enjoyed by the hedgehog alone,
Why haven't they done it a Spithead,
As they've done it at Harvard and Yale,
And also at Oxford and Cambridge,
By shaving the spines off its tail!</p> |
| <p>3. The sexual life of the elephant,
Sounds like a bureaucratic nightmare,
With lots of roaring and screaming,
In order to get anywhere,
It's all done at a very high level,
With two years to get a result,
Any mating's a huge undertaking,
'Twixt two parties who rarely consult.</p> | <p>So come on, all of you sailors,
And to the occasion rise,
Just grab yourself a hedgehog,
And give it a real surprise,
The following simple instructions,
Will ensure that you do not fail,
Simply ream out its ass with a hose pipe,
And shave all the spines off his tail.</p> |

"The Sexual Life of the Camel" is a bawdy song that is well known in rugby clubs. It is usually sung to the tune of "My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean" which is also the tune used for "The Money Rolls In" (the chorus is absent in this song).

It was printed in Cray's **The Erotic Muse: American Bawdy Songs, 2nd ed.** (1992) and **Why was he born so beautiful and other Rugby Songs** (1967).

It was recorded by The Pub Hooligans on **Stag Party in London - Uncensored Rugby Songs Vol. 2** (2015), The Shower Room Squad on **Sinful Rugby Songs** (2018) and a lot more.