

The Ups and Downs



1. As I was going to Aylesbury all on a market day
A pretty little Aylesbury girl I met upon the way.
Her way it was to market with butter and cheese and whey
So we both joined on together, me boys, fa-ra-la-diddle-all-day
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2. As we joined on together, me boys, together side by side
By chance I looked at her garter, by chance it came untied.
For fear that she might lose it, I unto her did say
"Oh your garter's come untied, me love", fa-ra-la-diddle-all-day
"Oh your garter's come untied, me love", fa-ra-la-diddle-all-day
3. As we rode on together, me boys, to the outskirts of the town
At length this fair young damsel, she stopped look-ed around.
"Oh since you've been so venturesome, pray tie it on for me"
"Oh, I will if you come to the apple grove", fa-ra-la-diddle-a-day
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4. And when we got to the apple grove, the grass was growing high
I laid this fair maid on her back, her garter for to tie.
While tying up of her garter, such sights I never did see
And we both joined on together, me boys, fa-ra-la-diddle-a-day
And we both joined on together, me boys, fa-ra-la-diddle-a-day.
5. "Oh, since you had your will of me, come tell to me your name
Likewise your occupation and where and whence you came"
"Me name is Mickey the drover boy, from Dublin town come I
And I live at the sign of the Ups and Downs", fa-ra-la-diddle-a-day
And I live at the sign of the Ups and Downs", fa-ra-la-diddle-a-day.

6. And when she got to Aylesbury, her butter was not sold
And the losing of her maidenhead it made her blood run cold.
"He's gone, he's gone, he's gone" she said "he's not the lad for me
For he lives at the sign of the Ups and Downs", fa-ra-la-diddle-a-day
For he lives at the sign of the Ups and Downs", fa-ra-la-diddle-a-day

Also known as "The Aylesbury Girl" and "As I Strolled Out to Aylesbury".
I learned it from Steeleye Span on their album **Parcel of Rogues**.