

Rosin the Beau

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| <p>1. I've traveled all over this world
 And now to another I go
 And I know that good quarters are waiting
 To welcome old Rosin the Beau
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 To welcome old Rosin the Beau</p> | <p>4. Then get this half dozen stout fellows
 And let them all stagger and go
 And dig a great hole in the meadow
 And in it put Rosin the Beau
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| <p>2. When I'm dead and laid out on the counter
 A voice you will hear from below
 Saying "Send down a hogshead of whiskey
 To drink with old Rosin the Beau"
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 Saying "Send down a hogshead of whiskey
 To drink with old Rosin the Beau"</p> | <p>5. Then get ye a couple of bottles
 Put one at me head and me toe
 With a diamond ring scratch upon them
 The name of old Rosin the Beau
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 With a diamond ring scratch upon them
 The name of old Rosin the Beau</p> |
| <p>3. Then get a half dozen stout fellows
 And stack them all up in a row
 Let them drink out of half gallon bottles
 To the memory of Rosin the Beau
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 Let them drink out of half gallon bottles
 To the memory of Rosin the Beau</p> | <p>6. I've only this one consolation
 As out of this world I go
 I know that the next generation
 Will resemble old Rosin the Beau
 Will resemble old Rosin the Beau
 Will resemble old Rosin the Beau
 I know that the next generation
 Will resemble old Rosin the Beau</p> |

7. I fear that old tyrant approaching
That cruel remorseless old foe
And I lift up me glass in his honor
Take a drink with old Rosin the Beau
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 And I lift up me glass in his honor
 Take a drink with old Rosin the Beau

Both the tune and early lyrics for "Rosin the Bow" are traditional. In 1838, the variation "Old Rosin the Beau" was published by Ld. Meignen & Co. in Philadelphia. Several US presidential campaigns used songs set to this tune including William Henry Harrison ("The Hero of Tippecanoe"), Henry Clay ("Harry, the Honest and True") and Abraham Lincoln ("Lincoln and Liberty"). The tune is used in "Acres of Clams" (aka "Old Settler's Song") and "Down in the Willow Garden" (aka "Rose Connelly").

The melody was also used in several Irish rebel songs including "The Boys of Kilmichael", "The Men of the West" and "The Soldiers of *Cumann na mBan*".

It was recorded by Tommy Makem, A.L. Lloyd and Gordon Bok. I learned it from Gordon Bok's first album.