



North Country Folk Tunes

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# Buy broom bushes

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# Buy broom buzzens

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Allegretto

S

A *p* *murmuringly*  
If ye want a buz - zem For to sweep your hoose,

T *p* *murmuringly*  
If ye want a buz - zem For to sweep your hoose,

B *p* *murmuringly*  
Buy ye want a buz - zem For to sweep your hoose,

S <sup>3</sup> *mp*  
If ye want a buz - zem For to sweep your hoose,

A *sempre p*  
Come to me, ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose,

T *sempre p*  
Come to me, ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose,

B *sempre p*  
Come to me, ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose,

# Buy broom buzzems

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S Come to me, ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose,

A If ye want a buz - zem, For to sweep your hoose,

T If ye want a buz - zem, For to sweep your hoose,

B If ye want a buz - zem, For to sweep your hoose,

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S Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,

A Come to me ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your hoose,

T Come to me ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your hoose,

B Come to me ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your hoose,

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S Fine heath - er bred - uns, Bet - ter nev - er grew. *poco rit.* *poco*

A Come to me ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose. *poco rit.* *poco*

T Come to me ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose. *poco rit.* *poco*

B Come to me ma hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose. *poco rit.* *poco*

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11 *a tempo*  
*mf*  
 S Buz - zems for a pen - ny, Ran - gers for a plack,  
 A Buz - zems for a pen - ny, Ran - gers for a plack,  
 T Buz - zems for a pen - ny, Ran - gers for a plack,  
 B Buz - zems for a pen - ny, Ran - gers for a plack,

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 S If ye win - not buy, I'll tie them on me back,  
 A If ye win - not buy, I'll tie them on me back,  
 T If ye win - not buy, I'll tie them on me back,  
 B If ye win - not buy, I'll tie them on me back,

15  
 S Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,  
 A Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,  
 T Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,  
 B Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,

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S Fine heath - er bred - uns Bet - ter nev - er grew.

A Fine heath - er bred - uns Bet - ter nev - er grew.

T Fine heath - er bred - uns Bet - ter nev - er grew.

B Fine heath - er bred - uns Bet - ter nev - er grew.

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S *rall.*

A *rall.*

T *rall.*

B *dim. e rall.* *pp*

If ye win - not buy, I'll tie them on me back.

**Poco meno mosso**

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S

A *p* *cresc.* *mf* >

If aa had a horse, Aa wad heve a cairt, If aa had a wife, She wad tyek me pairt,

T *p* *cresc.* *mf*

If aa had a horse, Aa wad heve a cairt,

B

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S *pp* Buy \_\_\_\_\_

A *p* Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new, \_\_\_\_\_

T *pp* Buy \_\_\_\_\_

B *p* If aa had a wife, Aa

24

S *poco rit. decresc.* broom \_\_\_\_\_ *poco* buz - zems,

A *poco rit. decresc.* Fine heath - er bred - uns, *poco* Bet - ter nev - er grew.

T *poco rit. decresc.* broom buz - zems, *poco* Bet - ter nev - er grew.

B *poco rit. decresc.* care not what she be, \_\_\_\_\_

**Poco meno mosso**

25

S \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

T *p dolefully* If aa had a wife, Aa care not what she be,

B *p dolefully* If aa had a

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S

A

T *poco rit.* *a tempo*

B *poco rit.* *a tempo*

If she's but a wo - man, That's e - nyuf fu me,  
wife, Aa care not whad she be,

29

S *mf*

A *mf*

T *mf*

B *mf*

Buy Buy them when they're new,  
Buy broom buz - zems, Buy,  
Buy,  
Buy

31

S

A

T

B

Buy, Bet - ter nev - er grew.  
Fine heath - er bred - uns, Bet - ter nev - er grew.  
Bet - ter nev - er grew.  
Bet - ter nev - er grew.

## Buy broom buzzems

Tempo I

33

S Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,

A Buy them when they're new, Buy broom — buz - zems,

T Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,

B *mf* If she liked a drap - pie, Her and I'd a - gree,

35

S Fine heath - er bred - uns, *molto* Bet - ter nev - er grew, ———

A Bet - ter nev - er grew, *molto* Buy them when they're new,

T Fine heath - er bred - uns, *molto* Bet - ter nev - er grew,

B *molto* If she did - n't like it There's the mair for me.

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S *ff* Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,

A *ff* Buy ——— buz - zems,

T *ff* Buy them when they're new, Buy ——— broom

B *ff* Buy, buy broom buz - zems,



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S Fine heath - er bred - uns, *rit.* Bet - ter nev - er grew. *seque*

A Buy them when they're new, *rit.* Bet - ter nev - er grew. *seque*

T buz - - - zems, *rit.* Bet - ter nev - er grew. *seque*

B Buy, *rit.* Bet - ter nev - er grew. *seque*

## Meno mosso

41

S *pp* If ye want a buz - zem, For to sweep your hoose,

A *pp* If ye want a

T *pp* If ye want a

B *pp* Buy

43

S Come to me my hin - nies, *rit.* Ye may hae your choose, *p*

A Buz - - - zem. *rit.* *p*

T Buz - - - zem. *rit.* *p*

B *rit.* *p*

## Buz broom buzzems

45 *Gaily*  
*mf a tempo*

S  
Laaa laa laa laa laa

A  
Laaa laa laa laa laa

T  
*a tempo*

B  
*mf a tempo*  
Laaa laa laa laa laa

47

S  
laa laa laa laa laa

A  
laa laa laa laa laa

T  
*mf* Strengthen with a few Baritones, if necessary)  
If ye want a buz - zem, For to sweep your hoose,

B  
— laa laa laa laa laa

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S  
laa laa laa laa laa

A  
laa laa laa laa laa

T  
Come to me my hin - nies, Ye may hae your choose,

B  
— laa laa laa laa laa

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**Meno mosso**

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S Buy, broom buzzems, buzzems,

A Buy broom buzzems, buzzems,

T Buy broom buzzems, Buy them when they're new,

B Buy, broom buzzems, Buy them when they're new,

53

S Fine heath-er bred-uns, Bet-ter nev-ergrew.

A Fine heath-er bred-uns, Bet-ter nev-ergrew.

T Fine heath-er bred-uns, Bet-ter nev-er grew.

B Buy them when they're new, Buy them when they're new, Bet-ter nev-er grew.

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**William Gillies Whittaker** (1876-1944) was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, England. He studied science at Armstrong College, University of Durham, and received training in organ and singing. He became a member of its faculty in 1898. Whittaker was Professor of Music at the University of Glasgow (1929-1938) and principal of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music in Glasgow (1929-1941). He was active as a choral conductor earning an excellent reputation as director of choirs at Armstrong College, the Newcastle and Gateshead Choral Union and the Newcastle Bach Choir. Whittaker was well known as a scholar of Bach and conductor Bach's works. He was editor of the series of Bach's cantatas with English texts by C. Sanford Terry, published by Oxford University Press. He also edited various instrumental works of the 17th and 18th centuries. He composed a number of larger choral works, piano pieces, songs, and choral arrangements. He is particularly known for his collections *North Countrie Folk Songs* and *North Countrie Ballads, Songs & Pipe-tunes*, along with his many choral arrangements of some of the songs.

If ye want a buzzem  
For to sweep your hoose,  
Come to me, ma hinnies,  
Ye may hae your choose,

*Buy broom buzzems,  
Buy them when they're new,  
Fine heather breduns,  
Better never grew.*

Buzzems for a penny,  
Rangers for a plack,  
If ye winnot buy,  
I'll tie them on me back.

If aa had a horse,  
Aa wad heve a cairt,  
If aa had a wife,  
She wad tyek me pairt.

If aa had a wife,  
Aa care not what she be,  
If she's but a woman  
That's enyuf fu me.

If she liked a drappie,  
Her and I'd agree,  
If she didn't like it  
There's the mair for me.

Buzzem = Besom  
Maa = My (the vowel as in "at")  
Aa = I (the vowel as in "at") Enyuf = Enough (the vowel as in "young")  
Hinnie = A term of endearment, used even when addressing strangers  
Cairt = Cart  
Pairt = Part  
Plack = An obsolete coin valued at a third of a penny  
Ranger = A small brush for rinsing  
Tyek = Take (the vowel as in "yet")

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