

# John Barleycorn (2009 Remastered Version)

## Steeleye Span

They have laid him in three furrows deep  
Laid clods upon his head  
Then these three men made a solemn vow  
John Barleycorn was dead, John Barleycorn was dead  
They have let him lie for a very long time  
Till the rain from heaven did fall  
Then little Sir John sprang up his head  
And he did amaze them all, he did amaze them all  
They let him stand till the midsummer day  
Till he looked both pale and wan  
Then little Sir John he grew a long beard  
And he so became a man, he so became a man  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Sing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Fa, la, la, la, lay, oh  
So they have hired the men with the scythes so sharp  
To cut him off at the knee  
And they rolled him and they tied him around the waist  
They've served him barbarously, they have served barbarously  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Sing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Singing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
And they have the hired men with the crab-tree sticks  
To cut him skin from bone  
And the miller he has served him worse than that  
He's ground him between two stones, he's ground him between two stones  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Sing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Singing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
And they have wheeled him here, and they have wheeled him there  
They've wheeled him to a barn  
And then they have served him worse than that  
They've bunged him in a vat, they've bunged him in a vat  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Sing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Singing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
And so they worked their will on John Barleycorn  
But he lived to tell the tale  
Now we pour him out of an old brown jug  
And they call him home brewed ale, they call him home brewed ale  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Sing fa, la, la, lay, oh  
Fa, la, la, la, it's a lovely day  
Singing fa, la, la, lay, oh

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