

# Canawler, Canawler, Hoggee on the Towpath

## The Golden Eagle String Band

This was a childrensâ€™ taunt.

I donâ€™t know about the â€œCanawler, Canawlerâ€•, part. I donâ€™t know if this might have been regional; e.g., known across more than one or a few Canals; and on more than a few, or on which ones it was known. And I donâ€™t recall where I first saw this.

A Hogee, as I understand it, was usually a young boy or girl who drove the horses, or mules, or oxen that pulled the boats or rafts along a canal.

The lyrics Iâ€™ve seen went like this:

â€” Hogee on the towpath, five cents a day, he walks behind a horseâ€™s behind, all he live long day.

â€” Hogee on the towpath, five cents a day, picking up horse balls, to eat along the way.

Iâ€™d invite anyone with additional or other knowledge to jump in and contribute whatever you might.

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