**CUCKOO SONG (A)**

**Tell it to the locked up trees**

**Cuckoo bring your song here**

**Warrant, act and summons please**

**For Spring to pass along here**

**Tell old Winter if he doubt**

**Tell him squat and square-a**

**Old woman let the cuckoo out**

**At Heffle cuckoo fair-a**

**March has searched and April tried**

**Tis’n’t long till May now**

**Not so long to Whitsuntide**

**And cuckoo’s come to stay now**

**Hear the valiant fellow shout**

**Down the orchard bare-a**

**Old woman let the cuckoo out**

**At Heffle cuckoo fair-a**

**When your heart is young and gay**

**And the season rules it**

**Work your works and play your play**

**Before the Autumn cools it**

**Kiss you turn and turn about**

**But my lad beware-a**

**Old woman ...**

**Old woman ...**

**Old woman let the cuckoo out**

**At Heffle cuckoo fair-a**