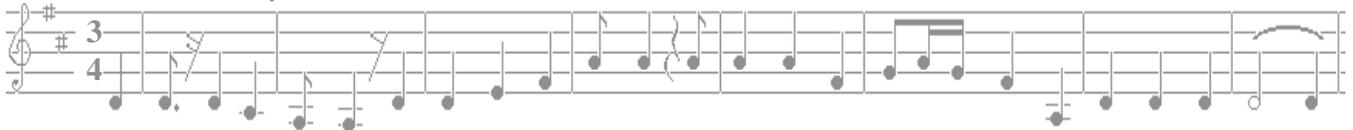


The Oak & the Willow



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v1 {} Apple {} trees bear us ___ {} the sweetest of frui_ts {} Some give gold__ cider which my taste well
v2 the nuts_ of the Hazel ___ {} are nicest when new_ {} So are gree_n walnuts I've pickled a
v3 the Elder has a white {} flower & juicy black berry which brews wine like the Damson to send us all



v1 su_oo_utes the pear is as pretty in springtime and very ___ {} juicy those pears which we
v2 fe___w_w {} sweet the roastchestnut & much to me thou_ght {} the Almond is al- so yet
v3 merry_he_he_ {} Plum {} is sweet to eat & gives good ja_m {} wot we sell at market in



v1 brew into Perry but the v4 Elm ___ {} is for {} boat planks when wet it do swe_ll {}
v2 not worth the effort but the v5 Oak fra_mes {} i_s Fi nest for our ships & houses to
v3 old Notting ha_m yes the



v4 Ash {} strong axe__ handle__s to shape those planks we ___ ll it's oars have th_at give {} our
v5 Hold a_ll them {} fighting men  oft times called Spou_ou_se_es it's made {} into barrels called
& women



v4 boats for to row__ & pro- vi_des a weapon the mighty long {} bow__ yes the
v5 firkin & tun__ {} from which flows_ sweet Cider & strong ale {} do run__ yes the

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This song was the culmination of a campaign to write a song that would sound traditional enough to prompt people to ask about its authenticity. Cresby was well pleased with the result none-the-less. As we are not overstocked with tree songs it seemed like a laudable idea. The actual creative process was not a text book case, indeed, attempting to write a song before the current one was finished one might be circumspect. But....to do it seated at a moderate size table accompanied by a television blaring sub-juvenile pop-music to 3 small kids, with their mum & nanny attempting hopelessly to arbitrate loud sibling rivalry seems so unlikely it would be pronounced impossible if it had not been done.

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