

The Fox

Traditional

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^D
The fox went out on a chilly night,
He prayed for the moon to give him ^Alight,
^D For he'd many a mile to go that night,
^D ^A ^D ^A ^D
Before he reached the town-o, (A:) town-o, town-o,
^G ^D
He'd many a mile to go that night,
^A ^D
Before he reached the town-o.

N:

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He ran til he came to a great big bin,
Where the ducks and the geese were put therein, ^A
Said (S:) "A couple of you will grease my chin, ^D ^G
^D ^A ^D ^A ^D
Before I leave this town-o, (A:) town-o, town-o,
^G ^D
A couple of you will grease my chin,
^A ^D
Before I leave this town-o."

G:

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He grabbed the gray goose by the neck,
Slung the ducks across his back, ^A
^D ^G
He didn't mind their (N:) quack, quack, quack,
^D ^A ^D ^A ^D
G: And the legs all dangling down-o, (A:) down-o, down-o,
^G ^D
ALL: He didn't mind their quack, quack, quack,
^A ^D
ALL: And the legs all dangling down-o.

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 Then old Mother Pitter-patter jumped out of bed,
 Out of the window she cocked her ^Ahead,
 Crying, (N:) “John, John! The gray ^Ggoose is gone,
 And the ^Dfox is on the ^Atown-o, (A:) ^Dtown-o, town-o!”
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 “John, John! The gray ^Dgoose is gone,
 And the ^Afox is on the ^Dtown-o!”

G:

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 Then John, he went to the top of the hill,
 Blew his horn both loud and ^Ashrill,
 The fox he said, “I better ^Gflee with my kill,
^D He’ll soon be on my ^Atrail-o, (A:) ^Dtrail-o, trail-o!”
^G
 The fox he said, “I better ^Dflee with my kill,
^A He’ll soon be on my ^Dtrail-o!”

S:

^D
 He ran till he came to his cozy den,
 There were the little ones, eight, nine, ten, ^A
 They said, (N:) “Daddy, Daddy, better ^Ggo back again,
^D ’Cause it must be a mighty fine ^Atown-o, (A:) ^Dtown-o, town-o!”
^G
 They said, “Daddy, Daddy, better ^Dgo back again,
^A ’Cause it must be a mighty fine ^Dtown-o!”

S: Then the fox and his wife without any ^Dstrife,

N: Cut up the goose with a ^Afork and knife,

G: They never had such a ^Gsupper in their life,

ALL: And the little ones chewed on the ^Dbones-o, ^Abones-o, ^Dbones-o,

ALL: They never had such a ^Gsupper in their life,

ALL: And the little ones chewed on the ^Abones-o.