

Blaydon Races

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[G] I went to Blaydon Races [D7] 'twas on the ninth of [G] June
[C] Eighteen hundred and [G] sixty-two on a [A7] summer's after-[D7]noon
We [G] took the bus from Balmbras [D7] and she was heavy [G] laden
[C] Away we went along [G] Collingwood Street
That's [D7] on the road to [G] Blaydon

CHORUS:

Oh [G] me lads, you [D7] should've seen us [G] gannin
[C] Passing the folks [G] along the road [A7] just as they were [D7] stannin
[G] All the lads and lasses there, [D7] all with smiling [G] faces
[C] Gannin along the [G] Scotswood Road
To see the [D7] Blaydon [G] Races

We [G] flew past Armstrong's factory and [D7] up by the Robin [G] Adair
But [C] gannin doon te the [G] Railway Bridge [A7] the bus wheel flew off [D7] there
The [G] lasses lost their crinolenes [D7] and veils that hide their [G] faces
I [C] got two black eyes and [G] a broken nose in [D7] gannin to Blaydon [G] races

Chorus

Now [G] when we got the wheel back on [D7] away we went [G] again
But [C] them that had [G] their noses broke [A7] they went back over [D7] hyem [G]
Some went to the dispensary and [D7] some to Doctor [G] Gibbses
[C] And some to the [G] infirmary to [D7] mend their broken [G] ribses

Chorus

Now [G] when we got to Paradise [D7] the bonny games [G] begun
There were [C] four and twenty [G] on the bus,
Man, [A7] how they danced and [D7] sung
[G] They called on me to sing a song, I [D7] sang them Paddy [G] Fagan
I [C] danced a jig and I [G] swung me twig the [D7] day I went to [G] Blaydon

Chorus

We flew [G] across the Chain Bridge [D7] right into Blaydon [G] Toon
The [C] bellman he was [G] calling there [A7] they called him Jackie [D7] Broon
I [G] saw him talking to some chaps and [D7] he was them per-[G]suadin'
To [C] gan te see Geordie [G] Ridley's show at [D7] the Mechanics' Hall in [G]
Blaydon

Chorus

The rain it [G] poured down all the day and [D7] made the ground quite [G] muddy
[C] Coffee Johnny had a [G] white hat on Shouts [A7] 'Wee stole the [D7]cuddy?' [G]
There were spice stalls and monkey shows and old [D7] wives selling [G] ciders And
the [C] chap on the ha'penny [G] roundabout saying [D7]
"Nooooo me boys - for [G] riders?"

Chorus