

Who's The Fool Now?

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References:

Music:

Fitzwilliam Virginal Book and Deuteromelia, 1609.

Words:

Are licensed 1588 but no surviving copies. Ravenscroft's "Deuteromelia" (1609) has words.

Literary References:

Dekker's "Old Fortunatas", 1600; it is alluded to, where Shadow says: "Only to make other idiots laugh, and wise men to cry, 'Who's the fool now?'"

(Most tune and lyric references from Gregory Blount's "[Music of the Broadside Ballad](#)", which is in turn mostly based on Simpson, Claude M. *The British Broadside Ballad and its Music*. Rutgers University Press, 1966.)

Commentary:

From *The rates of the custome house, 1590*, we note that "Cannes" were actually "Tankerds" by the language of the era.

Tankerds look in Cannes.

Froemans Songs of 4. Voices. 16

The singing part. **TREBLE.**



M *3* Martin said to his man fie man, fie, O Martin said to his man
who's the foole now? Martin said to his man fill thou the cup and I the can,
thou hast well drunken man, who's the foole now.

<p>2 I see a sheepe sheering corne, Fie man, fie : I see a sheepe sheering corne, Who's the foole now ? I see a sheepe sheering corne, And a couckold blow his horne, Thou hast well drunken man, Who's the foole now ?</p>	<p>4 I see a hare chase a hound, Fie man, fie : I see a hare chase a hound, who's the foole now ? I see a hare chase a hound, Twenty mile above the ground, Thou hast well drunken man, Who's the foole now ?</p>
<p>3 I see a man in the Moone, Fie man, fie : I see a man in the Moone, Who's the foole now ? I see a man in the Moone, Clowting of Saint Peters shoone, Thou hast well, &c.</p>	<p>5 I see a goose ring a hog, Fie man, fie : I see a goose ring a hog, Who's the foole now ? I see a goose ring a hog, And a frayle that did bite a dog, Thou hast well, &c.</p>
<p>6 I see a mouse catch the cat, Fie man, fie : I see a mouse catch the cat, Who's the foole now ? I see a mouse catch the cat, And the cheese to eat the rat, Thou hast well drunken man, Who's the foole now ?</p>	

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Martin Said to His Man

G
 Martin said to his man, Fie, man, fie!
 D
 Martin said to his man Who's the fool now?
 G
 Martin said to his man,
 C D
 Fill thou the cup, and I the can!
 G
 Thou hast well drunken man,
 G D G
 Who's the fool now?

I see a sheep shearing corn,
 And a couckold blow his horn,

I saw the goose wring the hog
 And the cat bite the dog.

I saw the man in the moon
 Clouting on St. Peter's shoon.

I saw a mouse catch the cat
 And the cheese to eat the rat

I saw the hare chase the hound
 Fourteen miles above the ground.

FINIS.

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G
D

Voice

Mar tin said to his man fie man fie! Mar tin said to his man who's the fool now?
 Mar tin said to his man fill thou the cup and I the can! Thou hast well drunk en man
 who's the fool now?