

# I gave her cakes

Traditional

Henry Purcell  
(1659 - 1695)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '8') and major key (indicated by a single sharp sign). The first staff begins with a bass note followed by a series of eighth notes. The second staff starts with a bass note, followed by eighth notes and a sixteenth-note group. The third staff begins with a bass note, followed by eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the musical notes. The music concludes with three endings, each labeled 'D.C. dal segno ,2'', 'D.C. dal segno ,3'', and 'D.C. dal segno ,1''. The lyrics for these endings continue the narrative of the song.

1 I gave her cakes and I gave her ale, and I  
2 I gave her beads and brace-lets fine, and I  
3 Mer-ry, my heart's mer-ry, my cock's mer - ry, my spright's mer-ry, mer-ry, mer-ry  
gave her sack and sher - ry, I kiss'd her once and I  
gave her gold, down der - ry, I thought she was a - fear'd till she  
mer-ry, mer-ry, my hey\_ down der - ry, I kiss'd her once and I  
kiss'd her twice, and we were won - drous mer-ry,  
strokd my beard, and we were won - drous mer-ry,  
kiss'd her twice, and we were won - drous mer-ry.

I gave her cakes and I  
gave her ale,  
and I gave her sack and  
sherry,  
I kiss'd her once and I  
kiss'd her twice,  
and we were wondrous  
merry.

I gave her beads and  
bracelets fine,  
and I gave her gold,  
down derry,  
I thought she was  
a-fear'd till she  
strokd my beard,  
and we were wondrous  
merry.

Merry, my heart's merry,  
my cock's merry,  
my spright's merry,  
merry, merry, merry,  
merry,  
my hey down derry,  
I kiss'd her once and I  
kiss'd her twice,  
and we were wondrous  
merry

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I gave her cakes  
and I gave her ale<sup>1</sup>,  
and I gave her sack<sup>2</sup> and sherry,  
I kiss'd her once  
and I kiss'd her twice,  
and we were wondrous merry.

I gave her beads  
and bracelets fine,  
and I gave her gold,  
down derry,  
I thought she was a-fear'd  
till she strok'd my beard,  
and we were wondrous merry.

Merry, my heart's merry,  
my cock's merry,  
my spright's merry,  
merry, merry, merry, merry,  
my hey down derry,  
I kiss'd her once  
and I kiss'd her twice,  
and we were wondrous merry.

Ich gab ihr Kuchen  
und ich gab ihr Ale  
und ich gab ihr Wein und Sherry,  
ich küssste sie einmal  
und ich küssste sie zweimal,  
und wir waren wunderbar vergnügt.

Ich gab ihr Halsketten  
und feine Armbänder,  
und ich gab ihr Gold,  
*Klingsilben*  
ich dachte, sie sei ängstlich,  
bis sie an meinen Bart streichelte,

Fröhlich, mein Herz ist fröhlich,  
mein ‚Hahn‘ ist fröhlich,  
mein Gemüt ist froh,

<sup>1</sup> ale, fermentiertes alkoholisches Getränk, das hauptsächlich aus gemälzter Gerste hergestellt wird

<sup>2</sup> sack, mit Alkohol angereicherter Wein aus Spanien und den kanarischen Inseln

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