

Stingo or The oil of barley

The little Barly-Corne.
Whose propertieß and vertueß here
Shall plainly to the world appeare,
To make you merry all the yeere.

from The English Dancing Master, 1651

lyrics by Anon., from the Roxburghe collection

Em D Em Em

Come, and doe not mu - sing stand, if thou the truth dis - cern - e,
'Twill make a weep - ing wid - dow laugh, and soon in - cline to plea - sure;
'Twill make a mi - ser pro - di - gall, and shew him - selfe kind - heart - ed;
It will make young lads to call most free - ly for their li - quor;
Thus the Bar - ley - Corne hath power even for to change our na - ture,

The first system of the musical score for 'Stingo or The oil of barley'. It consists of five staves: a vocal line and four instrumental accompaniment staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The system is divided into four measures, each with a chord label above it: Em, D, Em, and Em. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Em D Em Em

But take a full cup in thy hand, and thus be - gin to learn - e,
'Twill make an old man leave his staffe, and dance a youth - full mea - sure:
'Twill make him ne - ver grieve at all, that from his coyne hath part - ed;
'Twill make a young lasse take a fall, and rise a - gaine the quick - er;
And make a shrew, with in an houre, prove a kind - heart - ed crea - ture:

The second system of the musical score, continuing from the first. It also consists of five staves and is divided into four measures with chord labels Em, D, Em, and Em. The lyrics continue below the vocal line.

G D Em G D

Not of the earth, nor of the ayre, at eve - ning or at morn - e,
 And though your clothes be ne'er so bad, all rag - ged, rent, and torn - e,
 'Twill make a shep - heard to mis - take his sheepe be - fore a storm - e;
 It will make a man that he shall sleepe all night pro - found - ly,
 And there - fore here, I say a - gaine, let no man tak't in scorn - e

***Intro**

G D Em D Em

But jo - viall boyes your Christ - mas keep, with the lit - tle Bar - ley - Corn - e.
 A - gainst the cold you may be clad with the lit - tle Bar - ley - Corn - e,
 'Twill make the po - et to ex - cell; this lit - tle Bar - ley - Corn - e.
 And make a man, what e'er he be, goe a - bout his busi - nesse round - ly.
 That I the ver - tues doe pro - claime of the lit - tle Bar - ley - Corn - e.

repeat for dance only