The Jovial Heckler Boy

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- 1. I am a jovial heckler boy And by my trade I go; I trudge the world all over And get my living so.
- 2. I trudged this world all over,A pretty maid I spied;I asked her if she would go with meAnd be my lawful bride.
- 3. The pretty fair maid denied me, And said, "If I do so, I shall be ruined for ever a day And shall be loved no mo."
- 4. "Oh how will you be ruined?"
 The heckler boy replied,
 "For I am sure I will marry you
 As soon as work I find."
- 5. "Now hold your tongue from clattering And tell me none of your tales, For you are a jovial heckler boy And that's your only trade."

- 6. "How do you know me so, my dear, And how do you know my trade?""I know you by t' fringes of your apron, Of your apron," she said.
- 7. "The fringes of your apron
 And by your slender shoe;
 Your stockings they are as white as snow,
 So that's how I know you."
- 8. I could not help for smiling
 To hear the girl say so;
 I threw my arm around her waist
 And along we both did go.
- 9. She brought a glass all in her hand And filled it to the brim; "Here's to the health of each heckler boy That calls my true love his."