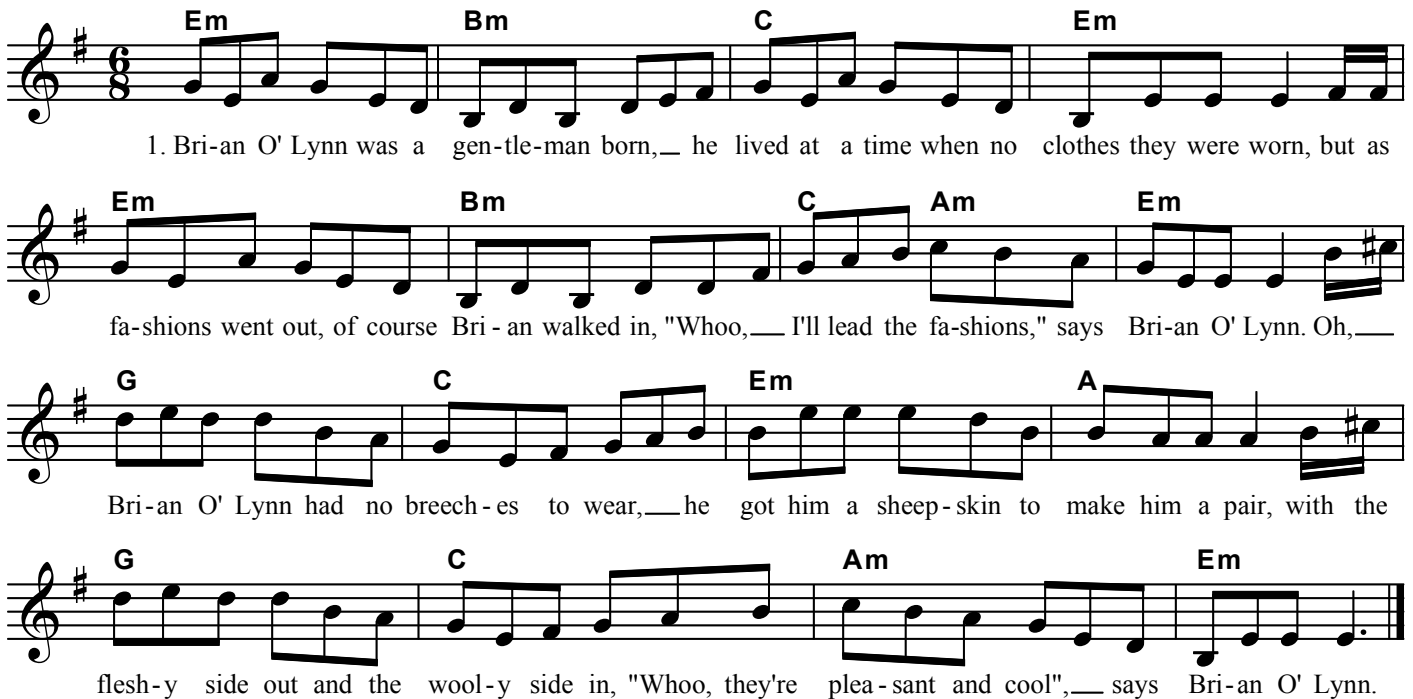


Bryan O'Lynn

Ireland

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1. Bri-an O' Lynn was a gen-tle-man born, he lived at a time when no clothes they were worn, but as fa-shions went out, of course Bri - an walked in, "Whoo, I'll lead the fa-shions," says Bri-an O' Lynn. Oh, Bri-an O' Lynn had no breech-es to wear, he got him a sheep-skin to make him a pair, with the flesh-y side out and the wool-y side in, "Whoo, they're plea-sant and cool", says Bri-an O' Lynn.

2. Bryan O'Lynn had no shirt to his back, / he went to his neighbors and borrowed a sack,
then he puckered the meal bag up under his chin, / "Whoo, they'll take them for ruffles," says Bryan O'Lynn.
Bryan O'Lynn had no hat to his head, / he thought that the pot would do him instead,
then he murdered a cod for the sake of its fin, / "Whoo, 'twill pass for a feather," says Bryan O'Lynn.
3. Bryan O'Lynn was hard up for a coat, / he borrowed a skin of a neighboring goat,
with the horns sticking out from his oxters, and then, / "Whoo, they'll take them for pistols," says Bryan O'Lynn.
Bryan O'Lynn had no stockings to wear, / he bought him a rat's skin to make him a pair,
he then drew them on and they fitted his shin, / "Whoo, they're elegant wear," says Bryan O'Lynn.
4. Bryan O'Lynn had no brogues to his toes, / he hopped on two crab shells to serve him for those,
then he split up two oysters that matched just like twins, / "Whoo, they'll shine out like buckles," says Bryan O'Lynn.
Bryan O'Lynn had no watch to put on, / he scooped out a turnip to make him a one,
then he planted a cricket in under the skin, / "Whoo, they'll think it's a-tickin'," says Bryan O'Lynn.
5. Bryan O'Lynn to his house had no door, / he'd the sky for a roof and the bog for a floor,
he'd a way to jump out and a way to swim in, / "Whoo, it's very convenient," says Bryan O'Lynn.
Bryan O'Lynn, his wife, and wife's mother, / they all went home o'er the bridge together,
the bridge it broke down and they all tumbled in, / "Whoo, we'll go home by water," says Bryan O'Lynn.
6. Brian O'Lynn and his wife's mother / went under the bridge to piddle together.
One piddled needles and one piddled pins, / "That's mighty sharp piddling," says Bryan O'Lynn.
Bryan O'Lynn had no watch for to wear, / he got a big turnip and scooped it out fair,
he put a live cricket right into it then, / "Sure, they'll think it's a-ticking," says Bryan O'Lynn.