

John Barleycorn

for TBB Voices *a cappella*


TRAD. (ROUD 164)

ARR. STEF CONNER

♩ = c. 120


mf

Tenor



1. There were three men came out of the west, their for - tunes for to

Bass




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try, And these three men made a sol - emn_ vow, John

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Bar - ley - corn should die! They_ ploughed, they_ sowed, they_

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har-rowed him in, Throed clods up - on_ his head. And

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these three men made a sol - emn vow, John Bar - ley - corn was_ dead!

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2. They let him lie for a ve - ry long time, Till the
 3. They hired men with scythes so sharp, To
 4. They rode him a-round, and a - round the field, Till they

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rain from heav'n did fall. Then lit - tle Sir John, he
 cut him off at the knee! They rolled him and tied him
 came in - to a barn. And there they made a

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raised up his head, And soon a - mazed them
 by the waist, And served him most bar - b'rous -
 so - lemn mow of poor John Bar - ley -

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all! They let him lie till the long mid - sum - mer, Till he
 - ly! They hired men with sharp pitch - forks Who
 - corn. They hired men with crab - tree sticks Who

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looked both pale_ and wan. Then_ lit-tle Sir_ John, growed a
 pierced him to_ the heart! But the load - er he served him_
 cut him skin_ from bone! But the Mil - ler he served him_

*optional extra high harmony for one loud voice

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long, long_ beard, And soon be - came a man!
 worse than_ that, He bound him_ to the cart!
 worse than_ that, He ground him_ 'tween two stones!

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*p**mp*

5. Here's lit-tle Sir_ John in the nut-brown bowl, And bran-dy_ in_ the_

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p

glass, And lit-tle Sir_ John in the nut - brown bowl proved the

41 *mf* *f*

strong - er man at last! For the hunt - er, he can't.

44 *ff* *optional extra high harmony for one loud voice *mf*

hunt the fox, Nor loud - ly blow his horn! And the

47 rit. $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 100$

tin - ker, he can't mend his pots, with - out a

49 *mp*

lit - tle John Bar - ley - corn, with - out a lit - tle John Bar - ley -

52 rit. $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$ *pp*

corn, with - out a lit - tle John Bar - ley - corn!