

We've come a-cob-coaling

Do many children know what coal is these days? And what fossil fuels can do to our air!

An old song for the days leading up to Bonfire night. Though many traditions remain for the Fifth of November this one has seemingly died out. In and around Lancashire and Yorkshire children went around collecting wood for the fire and money for fireworks.

Each area had different version; this one is based on 'The Oldham Tinkers' song and the Opies's research, 'The lore and language of schoolchildren'.

Find out more:

<https://traditionalcustomsandceremonies.wordpress.com/tag/cob-coaling/>

Cheerfully

We've come a cob - coal - ing, for Bon - fire — time, — Your coal and your mon - ey we

hope to en - joy. Fal - a - day, fal - a - day, fal - a - did - dle - i - do - day,

Down in yon' cel - lar, there's an owd um - ber - el - la, And up on your cor - nish there's an

owd pep - per - pot. Pep - per - pot! Pep - per - pot! Morn - ing till night. If you

give us nowt we'll have nowt but bid you good - night. Up a lad - der, down a wall, a

cob o' coal would save us all. If you don't have a pen - ny a ha'pen - ny will
We'll knock at your knock - er and ring at your

do, — If you don't have a ha'pen - ny, then God bless you!
bell — To see what you'll give us for sing - ing so well, for sing - ing so well.



We've come a cob-coaling for Bonfire time,
Your coal and your money we hope to enjoy.
Fal-a-day, fal-a-day, fal-a-diddle-i-do-day.
Down in yon' cellar there's an owd umberella,
And up on yon' cornish there's an owd pepperpot.
Pepperpot! Pepperpot! Morning 'till night.
If you give us nowt, we'll have nowt but bid you
good night.

*Spoken: Up a ladder, down a wall,
a cob o'coal would save us all.*

If you don't have a penny a ha'penny will do,
If you don't have a ha'penny, then God bless you.
We'll knock at your knocker and ring at your bell
To see what you'll give us for singing so well, for
singing so well.