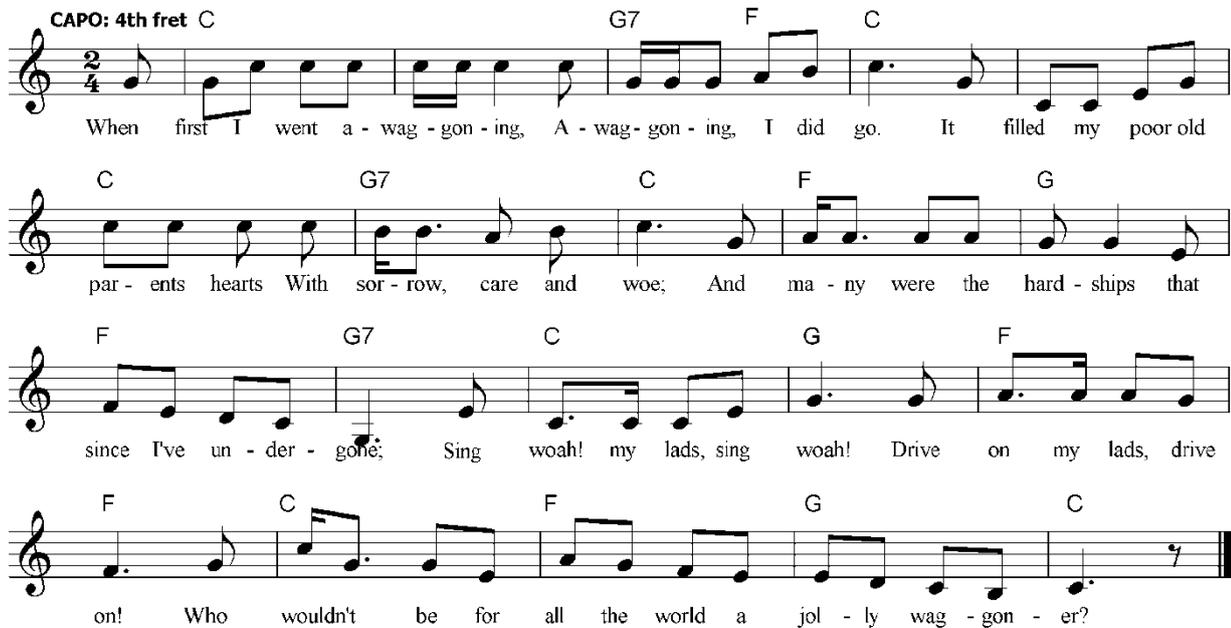


# The jolly waggoner

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*This cheerful English folk song has been collected from many places in the past with different words and tunes see: [mudcat.org](http://mudcat.org): [Lyr/Chords Req: Jolly Waggoner](#) . During the Middle Ages, Michaelmas was a great religious feast and many popular traditions grew up around the day, which coincided with the harvest in much of western Europe. The tune here is one sung by Mike Waterson. The last verse was added in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

CAPO: 4th fret C



When first I went a - wag - gon - ing, A - wag - gon - ing, I did go. It filled my poor old  
par - ents hearts With sor - row, care and woe; And ma - ny were the hard - ships that  
since I've un - der - gone; Sing woah! my lads, sing woah! Drive on my lads, drive  
on! Who wouldn't be for all the world a jol - ly wag - gon - er?

When first I went a-waggoning, a-waggoning I did go,  
It filled my poor old parents hearts with sorrow, care and woe;  
And many were the hardships that since I've undergone.

*Chorus: Sing woah! me lads, sing woah!*

*Drive on, me lads, drive on!*

*Who wouldn't be for all the world a jolly waggoner?*



Now summer is a-coming on, what pleasures we shall see!  
The merry finch is twittering on every greenwood tree;  
The blackbirds and the thrushes too, are whistling merrily.

Chorus

When Michaelmas is coming on, we'll pleasure also find!  
We'll make the gold to fly, me lads, like chaff before the wind!  
And every lad will home return to wife and children kind.

Chorus

Well things is greatly altered now since wagons here was seen,  
The world's turned topsy-turvy, lads, and things is run by steam!  
And the whole world passes before me just like a morning dream

Chorus (x2)

