

We've come a cob-coaling

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Do many children today know about coal or understand how fossil fuels affect our air? This old song was once popular before Bonfire Night, especially in Lancashire and Yorkshire, where children collected wood and money for fireworks.

While many traditions remain for the Fifth of November, this one has mostly disappeared. 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/>

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

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

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

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

F C7 F

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

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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

F C7 F

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.

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.