The Smart Schoolboy

The Smart Schoolboy

Oh, where be ye going?
Said the knight on the road,
I be going to school,
Said the boy as he stood.
And he stood and he stood
And 'twas well that he stood,
I be going to school,
Said the boy as he stood.

Oh what do ye there?
Said the knight on the road,
I read from my book
Said the boy as he stood.
And he stood and he stood
And 'twas well that he stood,
I read from my book,
Said the boy as he stood.

Oh what have ye got?
Said the knight on the road,
'Tis a bait of bread and cheese.
Said the boy as he stood.
And he stood and he stood
And 'twas well that he stood,
Said the boy as he stood.

Oh pray give me some
Said the knight on the road,
Oh no, not a crumb.
Said the boy as he stood.
And he stood and he stood
And 'twas well that he stood,
Oh no, not a crumb,
Said the boy as he stood.

I hear your school bell,
Said the knight on the road,
Hit's a-ringing you to hell.
Said the boy as he stood.
And he stood and he stood
And 'twas well that he stood,
Hit's a-ringing you to hell.

Said the boy as he stood.

this one from The Ballad Book of John Jacob Niles.
He collected in from Dot, VA in 1935

Child #3
LN
oct99

Visit www.traditionalmusic.co.uk for more songs.