



1. Last New Year's morn as I've heard say
 Richard he mounted his Dobbie Grey,
 And away he rode from Taunton Dene
 To court the Parson's daughter Jane.



2. And Dick put on his Sunday's clothes
 His go-to-church breeches and buckskin hose
 And wi' a new hat upon his head
 Which was bedecked wi' ribands red.



3. And away he rode wi' out dread or fear
 Till he came to the house of his sweet dear



4. Where he knocked and shouted and bellowed;
 hulloa!
 Be the folks at home, say yes or no!



5. The servant quickly let Dick in,
 That he his courtship might begin;



6. And Dick he strode into the
 And loudly for Miss Jane

THE BALLAD OF RICHARD

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