## I Hae a Wife o' My Ain

I <u>hae</u> a wife o' my <u>ain,</u> (have, own)
I'll partake wi' <u>naebody,</u> (nobody)
I'll <u>tak</u> cuckold <u>frae nane,</u> (take, from none)
I'll <u>gie</u> cuckold to <u>naebody,</u> (give, nobody)

I <u>hae</u> a penny to spend, (have) There thanks to naebody

I hae naething to lend, (have nothing)
I'll borrow frae naebody. (from nobody)

I am naebody's lord,
I'll be slave to naebody,
I hae a guid braid sword, (have, good broad)
I'll tak dunts frae naebody (take, blows)

I'll be merry and free, I'll be sad for naebody, If naebody cares for me, I'll care for naebody.

Adapted from an old simple Scots ballad.