

What can a Young Lassi do wi' an Auld man?

Chorus:

What can a young lassie, what shall a young lassie,

What can a young lassie do wi' an auld man? (old)

Bad luck to the penny that tempted my minnie (mother)

To sell her puir Jenny for siller an' lan';

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Minnie to sell her puir Jenny for siller an' lan'. (poor, money and land)

He's always compleenin frae mornin to e'enin,

(complaining, from, evening)

He hosts and he hirples the weary day lang: (coughs, limps)

He's doylt and he's dozin, his blude its is frozen, (worn-out, dull, blood)

O dreary's the night wi' a crazy auld man!

Chorus

He hums and he hankers, he frets and he cankers, (fretful, peevish, crabbit)

I never can please him do a' that I can;

He's peevish and healous o' a' the young fellows,

O dool on the day I met wi' an auld man! (sorrow)

Chorus

My auld auntie Katie upon me taks pity,

I'll do her endeavour to follow her plan:

I'll cross him an' wrack him, until I heartbreak him

And then his auld brass will buy me anew pan! (old money)