

Am G Am E
Let never a man a-wooing go that lacketh these things three,
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A store of gold and an open heart that's full of charity;
And this was seen of King Henry though he lay quite alone,
So he's taken himself to a haunted hall some seven miles from home.

He's chased the deer now him before, the doe down by the den
Till the fattest buck in all the flock, King Henry he did win.
His huntsmen followed him to the hall, To make them burly cheer,
When loud the wind was heard to sound, And an earthquake they did fear.

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And darkness covered all the hall, as they sat down to their feast,
The grey dogs yowling, left their food and crept to Henry's feet.
And louder howled the rising wind and burst the fastened door,
When in there came a grisly ghost she were stamping on the floor.

Her head did hit the roof so high her middle you could not span,
Each frightened huntsmen fled the hall and left the king stand,
Her teeth were like the tether stakes, her nose like club or mell,
And nothing less she seemed to be than a fiend that comes from hell.

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She said, 'some meat dear King Henry, some meat you'll bring to me,
Go kill your horse dear King Henry and bring for me to see'.
He's gone and slain his berry steed though it made his heart full sore,
For she's eaten up both flesh and bone and left nothing but hide to store.

'Some drink, some drink now King Henry, Some drink you'll bring to me,
Oh go and sew your horse's hide and bring a drink for me'.
So he's gone and sewn the bloody hide, a pipe of wine put in,
And she's drank it all up in one draught and never a drop left in.

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'Take off your clothes now King Henry and lie down by my side,
And swear, now swear dear King Henry to take me for your bride'.
'Oh God forbid', says King Henry, 'That ever the like betide,
That ever a fiend that comes from hell should stretch down by my side'.

The night was gone the day had come, the sun did shine through the hall,
The fairest lady there ever had been lay between the king and the wall.
'I've met with many a knight', she said 'That gave me such a fill,
But never before such a courteous knight that gave me all my will'.

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