

Johnny Cope

(Traditional)

The drums of war were sounding far,
When Johnnie Cope cam tae Dunbar,
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Upon a misty Morning

Cope Sent a Message tae Dunbar
Said; "Charlie meet me if you daur,
"And I'll learn you the arts of war,
"If you'll meet me in the morning "

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Hey Johnny Cope are ye wauken yet
Or are your drums a- beating yet?
If you were wauken I would wait,
Tae gang tae The Coals in the morning

(awake)

When Charlie looked this letter upon,
He drew his sword the scabbard from,
Come follow me my merry men,
And we'll meet Johnnie Cope in the morning.

When Johnnie Cope he heard o' this,
He thought it wouldna be amiss,
To hae a horse in readiness,
To flee awa' inthe morning.

Fye now Johnnie, get up and run,
The Highland bagpipes mak a din,
It's better tae sleep in a hale skin.
It will be a bloody morning.

When Johnnie Cope tae Dunbar came,
They spiered at him, " where's a' your men?"
"The Deil confound me gin I ken,
For I left them a this morning."

(asked)

Now Jonnie troth, ye were na blate,
Tae come wi' news o' your ain defeat,
And leave your men in sic a straight
So early in the morning.

(bashful)

"Faith", quo Johnnie, "I had sic fegs,
Wi' their claymores and their philabegs,
If I face them again Deil brak ma legs,
So I wish you a' good morning."

(fears)

(swords and kilts)