

The Wee Cooper O' Fife

**Traditional Scottish song
arranged by Ken Johnston**

for SAB voices and piano (or piano and flute)

Original version (2 part voices and piano) composed 1990

This version, 2002

Duration of piece: 2'

Other versions of this arrangement are also available:

SATB and piano (or piano and flute)

SSA and piano (or piano and flute)

SA and piano (or piano and flute)

The version recorded on the CD,
'There's lilt in the song: *Songs and ballads for highland or lowland or no!*
by the National Youth Choir of Scotland, directed by Christopher Bell,
is the one for SSA and piano

The following parts are available separately:

Alternative accompaniment for piano and flute (with separate flute part)

Piano accompaniment without voice parts (all on 3 pages to reduce page turns)

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for SAB voices and piano (or piano and flute*)

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Lively but not too fast

♩ = c.104

The musical score is arranged in systems. The first system shows the piano introduction in 6/8 time, marked *mp*. The second system begins with the baritone part (B) and includes the lyrics "1) There was a wee coo - per wha". The third system features the alto (A) and baritone (B) parts with lyrics "Nick - e - ty nack - e - ty noo, noo, noo," and "lived in Fife, And he has got - ten a". The fourth system features the soprano (S) and alto (A) parts with lyrics "Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A - lane quo Rush - e - ty" and "gen - tle wife,". The piano accompaniment continues throughout, with a *poco cresc.* marking in the final system.

* The piano accompaniment has also been arranged for piano and flute.
Separate accompaniment parts are available for this version.

Duration: 2'

18

S
A

roo, roo, roo!

24

B

(Baritones) *mf*

2) She wad - na bake and she wad - na brew,

29

S
A

(SA) *mf*

Nick - e - ty nack - e - ty noo, noo, noo,

B

For the spoil - ing o' her come - ly hue,

33

S
A

poco cresc.

Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A - lane quo Rush - e - ty roo, roo,

B

poco cresc.

37

S
A

roo!

f

mf

Ped.

42

S
A

mf

3) She wad - na card and she wad - na spin, Nick - e - ty nack - e - ty

B

mf

46

S
A

noo, noo noo, For the sham - ing o' her gen - tle kin,

B

49 *poco cresc.*

S
A

Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A - lane_ quo Rush - e - ty roo, roo,

B

poco cresc.

53

S
A

roo!

B

f

4) The coo-per's a-wa to

f *mp* *f*

Ped. *Ped.*

58

S
A

f

Nick - e - ty nack - e - ty noo, noo, noo,

B

his_ woo' pack, And he's laid a sheep - skin
your_ proud kin, But I will thrash my

62

S
A

Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A - lane quo Rush - e - ty

B

on his wife's back,
ain_ sheep - skin,"

5) "I'll
6) "O

66

S
A

roo, roo, roo!

Nick - e - ty nack - e - ty noo, noo, noo,

B

no thrash you for
I will bake and I will brew, And

70

S
A

Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A -

B

ne - ver think mair o' my come - ly hue," Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A -

74

S
A

lane quo Rush-e-ty roo, roo, roo!

B

lane quo Rush-e-ty roo, roo, roo!

79

S
A

mp

7) "O I will card and I will spin,

B

mp

mp

83

S
A

Nick - e - ty nack - e - ty noo, noo, noo, And ne - ver think mair o' my gen - tle kin,"

B

87 *poco cresc.*

S
A

Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A - lane_ quo Rush - e - ty roo, roo,

B

poco cresc.

91 (SA unison) *f*

S
A

roo!

8) A' ye wha hae got - ten a

B

f

mf

f

ped. *ped.*

96

S
A

gen - tle wife, Nick - e - ty nack - e - ty noo, noo, noo, Just send ye for the wee

B

100 (sopranos only) *p*

S
A
B

coo - per o' Fife, Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A - lane quo Rush - e - ty

104 *p cresc.* (SA)

S
A
B

roo, roo, roo! Hey Wil - lie Wal - la - chy ho John Dou - gal, A - lane quo Rush - e - ty

p cresc.

108 roo, roo, roo, roo, roo, roo, roo!

S
A
B

roo, roo, roo, roo, roo, roo, roo, roo, roo!

f

f gliss.