

**Tom of Bedlam**

1. For to see mad Tom of Bedlam ten thousand miles I'd travel  
Mad Maudlin goes on dirty toes for to save her shoes from gravel

**Chorus**

*Still we sing bonny boys bonny mad boys  
Bedlam boys are bonny  
For they all go bare and they live by the air  
And they want no drink nor money.*

2. I went down to Satin's kitchen for to beg me food one morning  
There I got souls piping hot all on the spit a-turning

*Chorus Still we sing bonny boys.....*

3. There I picked up a cauldron where boiled ten thousand harlots  
Tho' full of flame I drank the same to the health of all such varlets

*Chorus Still we sing bonny boys.....*

4. My staff has murdered giants my bag a long knife carries  
For to cut mince pies from children's thighs with which to feed the fairies

*Chorus Still we sing bonny boys.....*

5. The spirits white as lightning shall on my travels guide me  
The moon would quake and the stars would shake whenever they espied me

*Chorus Still we sing bonny boys.....*

6. No gypsy slut nor doxy shall win my mad Tom from me  
I'll weep all night the stars I'll fight the fray will well become me

*Chorus Still we sing bonny boys.....*

7. And when that I'll be murd'ring the man In the moon to a powder  
His staff I'll break his dog I'll bake there'll howl no demon louder

*Chorus Still we sing bonny boys.....*

8. So drink to Tom of Bedlam he'll fill the seas in barrels  
I'll drink it all well brewed with gall with mad Maudlin I will travel

*Chorus Still we sing bonny boys.....*



# Tom of Bedlam

or  
Mad Maudlin's Search for her Tom of Bedlam  
SATB

Lyrics - Traditional  
Tune - Dave Moran and Nic Jones  
arr. Sally J Davies

♩=100

VERSE 1

Soprano

Alto

Tenor & Bass

*ALL*

**INTRO**

Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad Tom of Bed-lam Bed-lam mad

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*ALL (unis.)*

S. 1. For to see mad Tom of Bed-lam ten-thou-sand miles I'd

A. Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad Tom of Bed-lam Bed-lam mad

T.&B.

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S. tra-vel mad Maud-lin goes on dir-tty toes for to save her shoes from gra-vel

A. Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad Tom of Bed lam Bed-lam mad Bed-lam

T.&B.

15 **CHORUS 1**

S. *Still we sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys Bed - lam boys are*

T.&B. *Still we sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys Bed - lam boys are*

18

S. *bon - ny For they all go bare and they live by the air And they*

T.&B. *bon - ny For they all go bare and they live by the air And they*

21 **(VERSE 2)**

S. *want no drink nor mo - ney 2. Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad*

A. *want no drink nor money*

T.&B. *want no drink nor mo - ney* **VERSE 2** *2. I went*

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S. *Bed - lam mad Tom of Bed - lam Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad*

A. *Bed - lam mad Tom of Bed - lam Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad*

T.&B. *down to Sa - tin's kit - chen for to beg me food one - morn - ing*

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S. Bed-lam mad Tom of Be - dlam Bed-lam mad Bed-lam

A. Bed-lam mad Tom of Be - dlam Bed-lam mad Bed-lam

T.&B. There I got souls pi - ping hot all on the spit a - turn - ing

33 **CHORUS 2**

S. Still we sing bon-ny boys bon-ny mad boys Bed-lam boys are bon - ny For they

A. Still we sing bon-ny boys bon-ny mad boys Bed-lam boys are bon - ny For they

T.&B. Still we sing bon-ny boys bon-ny mad boys Bed-lam boys are bon - ny For they

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S. all go bare and they live by the air And they want no drink nor mo - ney

A. all go bare and they live by the air And they want no drink nor mo - ney

T.&B. all go bare and they live by the air And they want no drink nor mo - ney

41 **VERSE 3** *SOLO*

S. 3. There I picked up a caul - dron where

A. 3. Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad Tom of Bed - lam

T.&B.

45

S. boiled ten thous - and har - lots Tho' full of flame I

A. Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad

T.&B.

48 **CHORUS (2)**

S. drank the same to the health of all such var - lets *Still we sing bon-ny etc.*

A. Tom of Bed - lam Bed - lam mad Bed - lam *Still we sing bon-ny etc.*

T.&B. *Still we sing bon-ny etc.*

52 **VERSE 4** *SOLO*

S. 4. Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad Bed - lam mad Tom of Bed lam Bed - lam mad

A. 4. My staff has murdered gi - ants my - bag a long knife

T.&B.

57

S. *Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad Tom of Be dlam Bed-lam mad Bed-lam*

A. *Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad Tom of Be dlam Bed-lam mad Bed-lam*

T.&B. *car-ries For to cut mince pies from child-ren's thighs (with\_ which to feed the\_ fair-ies*

62 **CHORUS 3 (canon)**

S. *Still we sing bon-ny boys bon-ny mad boys Bed - lam boys are*

A. *Still we sing bon-ny boys bon-ny mad boys*

T.&B. *Still we sing bon-ny boys*

65

S. *bon - ny For they all go bare and they*

A. *Bed - lam boys are bon - ny For they*

T.&B. *bon - ny mad boys Bed - lam boys are*

67 *Chorus repeat*

S. *live by the air And they want no drink nor mo - ney Still we*

A. *all go bare and they live by the air And they want no drink nor*

T.&B. *bon - ny For they all go bare and they live by the air And they*

70

S. sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys Bed - lam boys are

A. *Chorus repeat*  
mo - ney Still we sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys

T.&B. *Chorus repeat*  
want no drink\_ nor mo - ney Still we sing bon - ny boys

73

S. bon - ny For they all go bare and they live by the air

A. Bed - lam boys are bon - ny For they all go bare and they

T.&B. bon - ny mad boys Bed - lam boys are bon - ny For they

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S. *And they want no drink nor mo - ney*

A. *live by the air And they want no drink\_ nor mo - ney*

T.&B. *all go bare and they live by the air And they want no drink\_ nor mo - ney*

**Straight on,  
no intro**

VERSE 5 & 6 (Altos - TUNE) **SMALL GROUPS** → 1 voice to a part

80

S. 5. The spi - rits white as light - ning shall on my tra - vels guide me The  
6. No gyp - sy slut nor dox - y shall win my mad Tom from me I'll

A. **TUNE**  
5. The spi - rits white as light - ning shall on my trav - els\_ guide me The  
6. No gyp - sy slut nor dox - y shall win my mad Tom\_ from me I'll

T.&B. 5. The spi - rits white as light - ning shall on my trav - els guide me The  
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**CHORUS (2) after v5**  
**CHORUS (3) (canon) after v6**

S. moon would quake and the stars would shake when ev - er they es - pied me  
weep all night the stars I'll fight the fray will well be - come me

A. moon would quake and the stars would shake when ev - er they es - pied me  
weep all night the stars I'll fight the fray will well be - come me

T.&B. moon would quake and the stars would shake when ev - er they es - pied me  
weep all night the stars I'll fight the fray will well be - come me

**VERSE 7 Unison**

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S. 7. And when that I'll be murd' - ring the man in the moon to a

A. 7. And when that I'll be murd' - ring the man in the moon to a

T.&B. 7. And when that I'll be murd' - ring the man in the moon to a

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S. pow - der His staff I'll break his dog I'll bake, there'll howl no de - mon

A. pow - der His staff I'll break his dog I'll bake, there'll howl no de - mon

T.&B. pow - der His staff I'll break his dog I'll bake, there'll howl no de - mon

95 **f** **CHORUS (2)**

S. loud - er Still I sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys etc.

A. loud - er Still I sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys etc.

T.&B. loud - er Still I sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys etc.



*All Lewis*

98 **VERSE 8**

S. So drink to Tom of Bed - lam He'll fill the seas in bar -rels I'll

A. Bed - lam mad Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad Tom of Be - dlam Bed-lam mad Bed-lam mad

T.&B.

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S. drink it all well brewed with gall with Mad Maud-lin I will trav - el

A. Bed-lam mad Tom of Be - dlam Bed-lam mad Bed-lam

T.&B.

108 **CHORUS (3) (canon) X4 getting gradually faster**

S. Still we sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys bed - lam boys are bon - ny etc.

A. Still we sing bon - ny boys bon - ny mad boys etc.

T.&B. Still we sing bon - ny boys etc.

**LAST FOUR BARS for dramatic ending....**

112 **hold chord** **a tempo**

S. (air) and they want no drink nor mo - ney

A. live by the air and they want no drink nor mo - ney

T.&B. all go bare and they live by the air and they want no drink nor mo - ney