

## Bring us a Barrel

*Keith Marsden sang Bring Us a Barrel with his group Cockersdale in 1985 on their album "Prospect Providence: Songs by Keith Marsden". He commented in the album's liner notes: 'Written 1966 - the first song of them all and little did I realise how addictive song writing would become. To gain acceptance in the folk climate of the time, I originally passed it off as "collected from Charlie Hayes of Reading" so I do not now complain if so many think of it as traditional.'*

No man that's a drinker takes ale from the Pin  
For there is too little good stuff there within  
Four and a half is its measure in full  
Too small for a sup *not enough for a pull*

### Chorus

*So bring us a barrel and set it up right  
Bring us a barrel to last out the night  
Bring us a barrel no matter how high  
We'll drink it up lads we'll drink it dry*

The poor little Firkin's nine gallons in all  
Though the beer it be good the size be too small  
And for lads that are drinkers like you and like I  
That firkin small barrel *too quickly runs dry*

And when I'm lyin' all on me death bed  
Then put by me bedside a fine full Hogshead  
That if down below I mun go when I die  
Then me and old Nick *we will both drink it dry*

So! Bring forth the Puncheon and roll out the Butt  
These are the measures before us to put  
Our glass will go round and the good ale will flow  
And we'll be content *for an hour or so*