

# LAST WEEK I TOOK A WIFE

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*Allegretto*

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Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with a repeat sign.

1. Last week I took a wife, And when I first did woo her, I vow'd I'd stick through  
 2. My wife with-out her shoes Is hard-ly three feet sev-en, While I, to all men's  
 3. When she was gone, good lack, My hair like hogs was bris-tled; I thought she'd ne'er come

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 life Like cob-ber's wax un-to her; But soon we went by some mis-hap To  
 views, Am full five feet e-lev-en; So when to take her down some pegs, I  
 back, So I went to work and whis-tled: Then let her go, I've got my stall, Which

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 log-ger-heads to-ge-th-er, And when my wife be-gan to strap, Why  
 drub'd her neat and clev-er, She made a bolt right through my legs, and  
 may no rob-b-ers ri-fle: 'T'would break my heart to lose my awl, To

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 I be-gan to leath-er. Tol lol de rol lol lol de rol de lol, Why I be-gan to leath-er.  
 run a-way for-ev-er, Tol lol de rol lol lol de rol de lol, And run a-way for-ev-er.  
 lose my wife's a tri-fle, Tol lol de rol lol lol de rol de lol, To lose my wife's a tri-fle.

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