

I Have four Sisters

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: I have four sis - - ters be - - yond the sea, Per-rie, Mer-rie Dix - ie, Do - min - ie; And they each sent a pre-sent to me, Per-rie, Mer-rie, Dix - ie, Do - min - ie; Pet - - - rum, Par - - - trum, Pa-ra-di-si, Tem-po-rie, Per-rie, Mer-rie, Dix - ie, Do - min - ie.

I have four sisters beyond the sea,
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie;
And they each sent a present to me,
Perrie, Merrie, Dixie, Dominie.

Chorus:
Petrum, Partrum, Paradisi, Temporie,
Perrie, Merrie, Dixie, Dominie.

The first sent a chicken, without e'er a bone,
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie;
The second a cherry, without e'er a stone,
Perrie, Merrie, Dixie, Dominie.

The third sent a book which no man could read,
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie;
The fourth sent a blanket, without e'er a thread,
Perrie, Merrie, Dixie, Dominie.

How can there be a chicken, without e'er a bone?
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie;
How can there be a cherry, without e'er a stone?
Perrie, Merrie, Dixie, Dominie.

How can there be a book which no man can read?
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie;
How can there be a blanket, without e'er a thread?
Perrie, Merrie, Dixie, Dominie.

When the chicken's in the egg-shell there is no bone,
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie;
When the cherry's in the bud, there is no stone.
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie.

When the book's in the press, no man can read,
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie;
When the blanket's in the fleece there is no thread.
Perrie, Merrie Dixie, Dominie.