

A New Song on the Taxes

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'All - you young men and mai-dens come and lis-ten to my song,'. The second staff continues with 'It is some-thing short and com-i-cal it won't de-tain you long.' The third staff says 'Go - where you will by day or night, the town or coun-try through,'. The fourth staff reads 'The ___ peo-ple cry and won-der what with us they mean to do'. The fifth staff says 'No ___ won-der peo-ple grum-ble at the tax-es more and more,'. The sixth staff concludes with 'There ___ nev-er was such tax-es in Ire-land be-fore.' The lyrics are hyphenated to fit the musical phrasing.

All - you young men and mai-dens come and lis-ten to my song,
It is some-thing short and com-i-cal it won't de-tain you long.
Go - where you will by day or night, the town or coun-try through,
The ___ peo-ple cry and won-der what with us they mean to do
No ___ won-der peo-ple grum-ble at the tax-es more and more,
There ___ nev-er was such tax-es in Ire-land be-fore.

All you young men and maidens come and listen to my song,
It is something short and comical it won't detain you long.
Go where you will by day or night, the town or country through,
The people cry and wonder what with us they mean to do.

(Chorus)

No wonder people grumble at the taxes more and more,
There never was such taxes in Ireland before.

They're going to tax the farmers, and their horses, carts and ploughs,
They're going to tax the billygoats, the donkeys and the cows;
They're going to tax the mutton, and they're going to tax the beef,
And they're going to tax the women if they do not learn to read.

They will tax the ladies' chignons and their boas, veils and mats,
They're going to tax the mouse traps and the mousies, cats and rats;
They'll tax the ladies' flouncey gowns, their high-heeled boots and stays,
And before the sun begins to shine they'll tax the bugs and fleas.