

## Blaydon Races

Geordie Ridley 1862

[C] I went to Blaydon races, 'twas [G] on the 9th of [C] June,  
[F] Eighteen hundred and [C] sixty-two, on a [D7] summer's after-[G]-noon.  
[C] We took the bus from Balmbra, [G] She was heavy [C] laden,  
[F] Away we went along [C] Collingwood Street, that's [G] on the road to [C] Blaydon. ----- Chorus

### Chorus:

[C] Oh me lads, you [G] should've seen us [C] gannin', [F] Passing the folks a-[C]-long the road,  
[D7] just as they were [G] stannin'. [C] All the lads and lasses there,  
[G] all with smilin' [C] faces. [F] Gannin along the [C] Scotswood Road,  
To [G] see the Blaydon [C] Races.

We [C] flew past Armstrong's fact-ory and [G] up by the Robin A-[C]-dair,  
[F] Gannin over the [C] Railway Bridge the [D7] bus wheel flew off [G] there.  
[C] The lasses lost their crinolines and the [G] veils that hide their [C] faces.  
I got [F] two black eyes and a [C] broken nose, [G] gannin to Blaydon [C] Races. -- Chorus

Now [C] when we got the wheel back on, a-[G]-way we went a-[C]-gain.  
But [F] them that had their [C] noses broke, they [D7] went back ower [G] hyem.  
[C] Some went to the dispensary, and [G] some to Doctor [C] Gibbs-es.  
And [F] some to the in-[C]-firmary, to [G] mend their broken [C] ribs-es. ----- Chorus

[C] Now when we got to Paradise, there were [G] bonny games [C] begun,  
There were [F] four and twenty [C] on the bus, and [D7] how we danced and [G] sung.  
They [C] called on me to sing a song and I [G] sung 'em 'Paddy [C] Fagan,  
I [F] danced a jig and I [C] swung me twig, the [G] day we went to [C] Blaydon. ----- Chorus

[C] We flew across the Chain Bridge and [G] into Blaydon [C] Toon.  
The [F] bellman he was [C] calling then, they [D7] called him Jackie [G] Broom.  
I [C] saw him talking to some chaps and [G] them he was per-[C]-suading  
To [F] gan and see Geordie [C] Ridley's show, at the [G] Mechanics' Hall in [C] Blaydon. -- Chorus

The [C] rain poured down all the day and [G] made the ground quite [C] muddy.  
[F] Coffee Johnny with a [C] white hat on shouted [D7] 'Whi stole the [G] cuddy?'  
There [C] were spice stalls and monkey shows, a [G] old wives selling [C] ciders,  
And a [F] chap on a ha'penny [C] roundabout, saying [G] 'noo me lads for [C] riders?'-----Chorus

