

SMUGGLERS' SONG

Rudyard Kipling – tune by Jeff Trefftz 2007

C **F**
If You wake at midnight, and hear a horse's feet, *Chorus:*

G
Don't go drawing back the blind, or
F **C**
looking in the street,

C **F**
Them that asks no questions isn't told a lie.

G
Watch the wall, my darling, while
F **C** **G** **C**
the Gentlemen go by!

Chorus:

Dm
Five-and-twenty ponies,

Am
Trotting through the dark--

Dm
Brandy for the Parson,

F **G**
'Baccy for the Clerk;

C **Dm** **Am**
Laces for a lady; letters for a spy,

F **Em**
And watch the wall, my darling,

F **G** **C**
while the Gentlemen go by!

Running round the woodlump if you chance to
find

Little barrels, roped and tarred, all full of
brandy-wine;

Don't you shout to come and look, nor take 'em
for your play;

Put the brishwood back again,--and they'll be
gone next day!

Chorus:

If you see the stable-door setting open wide;
If you see a tired horse lying down inside;
If your mother mends a coat cut about and tore;
If the lining's wet and warm--don't you ask no
more!

If you meet King George's men, dressed in blue
and red,
You be careful what you say, and mindful what
is said.

If they call you 'pretty maid,' and chuck you
'neath the chin,

Don't you tell where no one is, nor yet where no
one's been!

Chorus:

Knocks and footsteps round the house--whistles
after dark--

You've no call for running out till the house-
dogs bark.

Trusty's here, and Pincher's here, and see how
dumb they lie--

They don't fret to follow when the Gentlemen go
by!

Chorus:

If you do as you've been told, 'likely there's a
chance,

You'll be give a dainty doll, all the way from
France,

With a cap of Valenciennes, and a velvet hood--
A present from the Gentlemen, along o' being
good!

Chorus:

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Trotting through the dark--

Brandy for the Parson,
'Baccy for the Clerk.

Them that asks no questions isn't told a lie--
Watch the wall, my darling, while the
Gentlemen go by!