

Tha Passun Owtwited

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Tha sow a gud oll Faar - mer Squeers Ad ge - ven im tain
 lid - del Veers. Tha noos soon reechd tha pas - sun's eers Az tha
 roa - suz soa sweet - lee blaw.

Tha sow a gud oll Faarmer Squeers
 Ad geven im tain liddel Veers.
 Tha noos soon reechd tha passun's eers
 Az tha roasuz soa sweetlee blaw.

Soa oaff at wawns tha passun went
 Ta taak ez Tythe woz ez hintent
 Ollthoa et woz tha time a Lent..

"Will passun! thas fer yoo ta sae
 Tez yoorse ya naw, as plaen as dae!"
 Soa yoo cun plays ta taak un awae.

Says ee, " If the veer I do not seize,
 I'm very sure it would them please
 To send instead a mouldy cheese."

"Noa cheeld noa veer, fer doant ee see
 Boath cheeld an peg tha taynth doa be
 Soa boath er noan yull git frum we!"

Tha farmer, waatchen im appeer
 Sayd ta ez wife, "I graetlee feer
 Eez cum ta taak ar lil Tythe veer."

Tha passun blushd an flushd en vaen
 An stammerd tryen ta hexplaen.
 "Noa cheeld, noa veer!" sayd she agaen.

Down en tha haal woz saeted she
 She ad er 'taynth' upon er nee
 She sterted up - "I'll lev un see!"

"If that's the case, " sayd ee, "I fear
 I may as well be off from here,
 And leave behind the little Vear."

Tha passun enterd an weth gile
 a varayus thengs they coosed awile
 "And when's the christ'ning?" weth a smile.

An soa tha sayen cum ta steck
 That "Thoa tha Passun mite chayt Ol Neck,
 A Cornish wumman ee niver cud treck."
 Az tha roasuz soa sweetlee blaw.

This was written in Dialect (possibly by Dunstan) and unlike some more modern Dialect tales has the Dialect speakers coming out on top. The Vicar's voice is left in standard English as it is in the original. However the narration has been put into Dialect in order to add to the mickey taking of the Parson.

Dialect substitutions: coosed for talk'd, ee for he.

