

Tha Raaslen Match

Collected from James Olver of Launceston by Sabine Barine Gould in 1890
Hengan p15

Twoz ov Cham - pee - uns bold. They
 ras -seld fer tum - mals ov gold. An oll tha cry woz
 Well Tre - fry That ee shud wen tha dae. Soa
 Well Tre - fry Hu - zaa! Tha maeds oll claaپ theer
 ands an cry Tre - fry, Tre - fry Hu - zaa!

Twoz ov Champeeuns bold
 They rasseld fer tummals ov gold,
 An oll tha cry woz Well Trefry
 That ee shud wen tha dae.
 Soa Well Trefry Huzaa!
 Tha maeds oll claaپ theer ands an cry
 Trefry, Trefry Huzaa!

Then hup sprang liddel Jaan,
 A hondursized maan.
 An I well giv ee sum bel tink
 Wer ee da staan
 Soa well I fite weth ee.
 I'll let ee nawed I can do soa
 Tadae I'll fite weth ee.

They raasd oan tha grown;
 Es match Trefry ad fown,
 An back ta back ee bore
 Ee felt ez foors giv wae.
 Soa liddel Jaan huzaa
 Soa sum ded sae - but oathurs nae -
 Trefry, Trefry, Huzaa!

Then weth desperaet toss
 Well shawd tha flyen oss,
 An Jaan, ee fell ta tha grown
 An Jaan seesd to moav.
 Aw liddel Jaan - alack!
 Tha maeds say Aw woe's tha dae
 Aw liddel Jaan - alack!

Ef kelld ee habm been
 A widen therd av been.
 But Jaan died aajd aeteen
 Leeven ez luv behind.
 Aw! liddel Jaan - halas
 Tha maeds wint en moornen oll
 Fer liddel Jaan - halas.

This song was noted for *Songs and Ballads of the West* by the pioneering collector Revd. Sabine Baring Gould, from one of his prime sources: James Olver, a Launceston tanner.

This song mentions the 'flying hoss' – a famous Cornish wrestling term that sounds very nasty! The following Dialect substitutions have been made from the text in *Hengan*; tummals for a sum, ee for he, maeds for ladies, sum bel tink for conqueror, ee for thee.