

**The Blaydon Races**  
**Misc Traditional**

The Blaydon Races; A Geordie folk song. Sung at Newcastle United Football Matches...HOWAY THE LADS!

I went to Blaydon Races

**D**

Twas on the ninth of June

**A7 D**

Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Two

**G D**

On a summer s afternoon

**E7 A7**

I took the bus from Balmbrae

**D**

And she was heavy laden

**A7 D**

Away we went along Collingwood Street

**G D**

That s on the Road to Blaydon

**A7 D**

Oh me lads, you should ve seen us gannin

**D A7 D**

Passing the folks along the road

**G D**

And all of them were starin

**G E7 A**

All the lads and lasses there

**D**

They all had smilin faces

**A7 D**

Gannin along the Scotswood Road

**G D A7**

To see the Blaydon Races

**D**

We flew past Armstrong s factory

**D**

And up by the Robin Adair

**A7 D**

But gannin ower the Railway Bridge

**G D**

The bus wheel flew off there

**E7 A7**

The lasses lost their crinolines

**D**

And veils that hide their faces

**A7 D**

I got two black eyes and a broken nose

**G D**

In gannin to Blaydon Races

**A7 D**

Oh me lads, you should ve seen us gannin

**D A7 D**

Passing the folks along the road

**G D**

And all of them were starin

**G E7 A**

All the lads and lasses there

**D**

They all had smilin faces

**A7 D**

Gannin along the Scotswood Road

**G D A7**

To see the Blaydon Races

**D**

Now when we got the wheel back on

**D**

Away we went again

**A7 D**

But them that had their noses broke

**G D**

They went back ower hyem

**E7 A7**

Some went to the dispensary

**D**

And some to Doctor Gibbses

**A7 D**

And some to the infirmary

**G D**

To mend their broken ribs

**A7 D**

Oh me lads, you should ve seen us gannin

**D A7 D**

Passing the folks along the road

**G D**

And all of them were starin

**G E7 A**

All the lads and lasses there

**D**

They all had smilin faces

**A7 D**

Gannin along the Scotswood Road

**G D A7**

To see the Blaydon Races

**D**

We flew across the Tyne Bridge

**D**

And came to Blaydon Toon

**A7 D**

The barman he was calling then

**G D**

They called him Jackie Broon

**E7 A7**

I saw him talking to some chaps

**D**

And then he was persuadin

**A7 D**

To gan and see Geordie Ridley s show

**G D**

At the Mechanics Hall in Blaydon

**A7 D**

Oh me lads, you should ve seen us gannin

**D A7 D**

Passing the folks along the road

**G D**

And all of them were starin

**G E7 A**

All the lads and lasses there

**D**

They all had smilin faces

**A7 D**

Gannin along the Scotswood Road

**G D A7**

To see the Blaydon Races

**D**

Now when we got to Paradise

**D**

There were bonny games begun

**A7 D**

There were four and twenty on the bus

**G D**

And how we danced and sung

**E7 A7**

They called on me to sing a song

**D**

So I sang em Paddy Fagan

**A7 D**

I danced a jig and I swung me twig

**G D**

The day I went to Blaydon

**A7 D**

Oh me lads, you should ve seen us gannin

**D A7 D**

Passing the folks along the road

**G D**

And all of them were starin

**G E7 A**

All the lads and lasses there

**D**

They all had smilin faces

**A7 D**

Gannin along the Scotswood Road

**G D A7**

To see the Blaydon Races

**D**

The rain it poured down all the day

**D**

And made the ground quite muddy

**A7 D**

Coffee Johnny had a white hat on

**G D**

Shouted Wee stole the cuddy?

**E7 A7**

There were spice stalls and monkey shows

**D**

And old wives selling ciders

**A7 D**

And the chap on the ha penny roundabout

**G D**

Saying Any more lads for riders?

**A7 D**

Oh me lads, you should ve seen us gannin

**D A7 D**

Passing the folks along the road

**G D**

And all of them were starin

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