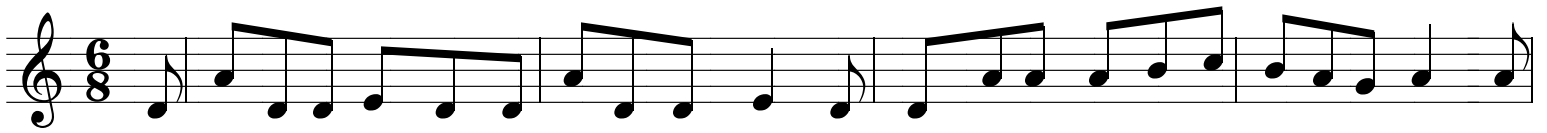


Three Little Drummers

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Traditional Irish Jig
Lyrics by Bob Beers



Threelit- tledrum-mersstood on the highground.Theywalked all a- bout and they cir-cled a-round.When



They were a- breast, Three in a line, Then off they did go for to fol-low the sign.

CHORUS



Val-ley and stub- ble and riv-er and rill, three lit-tle drum - mers came o-ver the hill. Three



drum - mers from Af-ri- ca lead-ing the way, To play for the ba-by on Christ-a-mas Day.

"Three Little Drummers" is an old Irish jig that is in O'Neill's and also in Coles 1000 Fiddle Tunes (Ryan's Mammoth). Bob Beers set lyrics to it, making it into a Christmas song. I have included one of his verses and the chorus, so you can get the flavor of what he did, and how one goes about turning a fiddle tune into a song.

If you want the rest of the lyrics, see if you can find the album "A Beers Family Christmas" or look for it on YouTube. There are also instrumental versions on YouTube at dance tempo or faster, but the song is much slower.

"Three Little Drummers" lends itself to playing and/or singing with a continuous crescendo, adding instruments, voices and volume up to the last verse. And it helps if you have a drum - tabor drum, snare drum, tenor drum, hand drum, or whatever is at hand. You could even experiment with someone drumming on a low D dulcimer string using chopsticks or knitting needles