

# Yellow On The Broom

Words Adam McNaughton | Melody - Traditional

D G

I ken ye din-na like it lass tae win-ter here in toon For the

5 D A

scal-dies aye mi - scry us and they try tae bring us doon It's

9 A/C# G D

hard tae raise three bair-nies in a sin-gle flea box room But I'll

13 G D A D

tak ye on the road a - gain when yel-low's on the broom When

17 A D

yel - low's on the broom, when yel - low's on the broom I'll

21 G D A D

tak ye on the road a - gain when yel - low's on the broom

## Lyrics

I ken ye dinna like it lass tae winter here in toon  
For the scaldies aye miscry us and they try tae bring us doon  
It's hard tae raise three bairnies in a single flea box room  
But I'll tak ye on the road again when yellow's on the broom

When yellow's on the broom, when yellow's on the broom  
I'll tak ye on the road again when yellow's on the broom

The scaldies cry us tinker dirt and they sconce oor weans at school  
But who cares whit a scaldy thinks for a scaldy's just a fool  
They never hear the yorlan's sang nor see the flax in bloom  
For they're aye cooped up in hooes when yellow's on the broom

When yellow's on the broom, when yellow's on the broom  
They're aye cooped up in hooes when yellow's on the broom

Nae sale for pegs nor baskets noo, sae just tae stay alive  
We have tae work at scaldy jobs frae nine o'clock tae five  
But we ca' nae man oor maister for we own the world's room  
And we'll bid fareweel tae Brechin when yellow's on the broom

When yellow's on the broom, when yellow's on the broom  
We'll bid fareweel tae Brechin when yellow's on the broom

I'm weary for the springtime when we tak the road aince mair  
Tae the plantin' and the pearlin' and the berry fields o' Blair  
We'll meet up wi oor kin folk frae a' the country roon'  
When the gang-aboot folk tak the road and yellow's on the broom

When yellow's on the broom, when yellow's on the broom  
When the gang-aboot folk tak the road and yellow's on the broom  
When yellow's on the broom, when yellow's on the broom  
I'll tak ye on the road again when yellow's on the broom

## Words

ken - know  
dinna - don't  
tae - to  
toon - town  
scaldie - in the language of the Scottish Travellers a scaldie is a person from the settled, house dwelling population.  
bairnies - children  
tak - take  
sconce - jeer/to scoff  
oor - our  
weans - children  
whit - what  
Yorlan - Yellowhammer  
sang - song  
aye - always  
hoose - house  
nae - no  
noo - now  
sae - so  
frae - from  
ca' - call  
maister - master  
fareweel - farewell  
aince mair - once more  
roon - round  
gang about folk - the travelling people

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