

Flute 1
FANFARE:
 [This approxi-
 mates what I
 play on the
 guitar]
 Flute 2

The Fall of Jack O' Lantern

Voice

Jack O' - Lan-tern was de-feat-ed (The Ro-bin and the green jay call.) And

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his-to-ry re-peat-ed: He-e went down. (Down the val-ley where the ra-ven fall.) Yes, they

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took him out of sea-son. (The ro-bin and the green jay call.) They

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had no rhyme or rea-son a-as you know. (Know the val-ley where the ra-ven fall.) He was

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at the Gates of May. (The ro-bin and the green jay call.) A tro-phy on dis-play and curs-ing

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God. (God the val-ley where the ra-ven fall.) Ca-stles are sacked in war.

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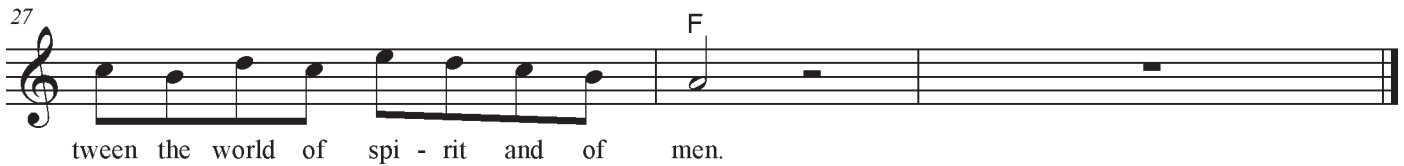
Chief-tains are scat-tred far. Truth is our fix-ed sta-ar. It

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Jack O'-Lan-tern in de-feat in ev-ery trick or tre-at. His light they ne-ver will per-mit a -

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gain. Though a faith out-shines the dark, True Jack will yet em-ba-rque be -



[fanfare]

Jack O'Lantern was defeated.
The robin and the green jay call.
And history repeated.
He went down. Down
the valley where the raven fall

They took him out of season.
The robin and the green jay call.
They have no rhyme or reason,
as you know. Know
the valley where the raven fall.

He was at the gates of May.
The robin and the green jay call.
A trophy on display,
and cursing God. God,
the valley where the raven fall

Castles are sacked in war.
Chieftains are scattered far.
Truth is our fixed star.

[guitar noodling]

It was the boys of June
The robin and the green jay call.
who shot the silver moon
one summer's night. Night,
the valley where the raven fall

And when the moon came down
The robin and the green jay call.
a great wind prowled around
to blow things out of
the valley where the raven call.

And so the boys were free
The robin and the green jay call.
to crown the mystery
with their false light. Light
the valley where the raven fall.

Jack O'Lantern in defeat
in every trick or treat,
his light they never will permit again.
Though a faith outshines the dark,
True Jack will yet embark
between the worlds of spirit and of men.

[guitar noodling]

All Jack could do was grin
The robin and the green jay call.
and shine the light within
that none could see. See
the valley where the raven fall.

Long before the Halloween,
The robin and the green jay call.
King Jack and his true queen
where out of time. Time,
the valley where the raven fall.

His tears fell down like wax
The robin and the green jay call.
when all his bold attacks
were not to be. Be
the valley where the raven fall.

Castles are sacked in war.
Chieftains are scattered far.
Truth is our fixed star.

[fanfare]

Since no one sold or bought him,
The robin and the green jay call.
The portcullis of autumn
would not rise. Rise
the valley where the raven fall.

His face all caving in
The robin and the green jay call.
from waiting to begin.
Now let's begin. Begin
the valley where the raven fall.

Jack O'Lantern in defeat
in every trick or treat,
his light they never will permit again.
Though a faith outshines the dark,
True Jack will yet embark
between the worlds of spirit and of men.

[guitar noodling followed by the fanfare]

NOTES: The words "Castles are sacked..." etc. are quoted from a Victorian version of the traditional Irish song Eileen Aroon by Gerald Griffin. (The Clancys did a fine version of it.) The song grew out of this quotation on the Coast Starlight as I returned from my ORCA tour. Two bird species bear the name 'robin.' One is European, the other North American. The green jay from Northern Mexico strays only occasionally into The United States. Raven's are very funny clever birds - much maligned.

PLAYING: The verses change meter. Look out! There is a fanfare played thrice. There are two choruses, each played twice. The text (left) maps out the structure of the song.

NOTE: 'Fanfare' for whistle players
actual key is C. Play flute 2 on D whistle

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Flute 2

Begun on August 18, 2000
on the northbound San Joaquin.
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