

Manuscript for “Helan Går”

Popular Swedish Drinking Song

Let's start with it in English so we get up to speed:

*Here's the first
Sing happily, sing merrily
Here's the first
Sing merrily with joy
For if you do not take the first
You'll never ever quench your thirst
Here we gooo...
[Pause while drinking bottoms up]
Sing skol and cheerio!*

This is a phonetic version of the Swedish text, which is easier to sing so it sounds like Swedish:

*Hell and gore
Chunk hop father Allan Allan lay
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For handsome in the hell and tar
Hun hell er in the half and four
Hell and gooore...
[Pause while drinking bottoms up]
Chunk hop father Allan lay*

Here is the full Swedish version:

*Helan går
Sjung hopp faderallan lallan lej
Helan går
Sjung hopp faderallan lej
För den som inte helan tar
Han inte heller halvan får
Helan gååår...
[Paus]
Sjung hopp faderallan lej*

Helan gtr

Musical score for Helan guitar and sequenced by in 4/4 time, measures 1-8. The Helan guitar part (top staff) features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet in measure 5 and a grace note in measure 8. The sequenced by part (bottom staff) provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes, including grace notes in measures 1, 3, and 5.

Helan gtr

Musical score for Helan guitar and sequenced by in 4/4 time, measures 9-10. The Helan guitar part (top staff) continues the melodic line with eighth notes and a grace note in measure 10. The sequenced by part (bottom staff) continues the harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes, including a grace note in measure 10.