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The Beggers Chorus,
In the jovial *CREW*.
To a pleasant new Tune.




A bag for my Wheat,
and another for my Salt,
A little pair of Crutches,
to see how I can halt,
And a begging, &c.

A bag for my Bread,
another for my Cheese,
A little Dog to follow me,
to gather what I seek,
And a begging, &c.

To Pimlico we'll go,
where we shall merry be;
With every Man a Can in's hand,
and a Cateny upon his knee,
And a begging, &c.

And when that we're distressed,
we tumble on the Grass,
With long patch'd Coats,
for to hide a pretty Lass,
And a begging, &c.

When Peas I scrub
my old Spatter White,
When Peas I begg'd
whilst I was but a Child,
And a begging, &c.

I had the pretty Knack,
to wheeke and to cry,
By young and by old,
Such pittypie ere was I,
And a, &c.

Fatherless and Motherless,
So it was my Complaint,
And none that ever saw me,
but took me for a Saint,
And a, &c.

I beg'd for my Basket,
and got him store of pelf,
But love now be praised,
I now beg for my self,
And a begging, &c.

With in a hollow Tree
I live, and pay no rent,
Providence provides for me,
and I am well content,
And a begging, &c.

I fear no Plotts against me,
but live in open Cell,
Why who would be a King
when a beggar lives so well,
And a begging we will go.

Printed for J. Streater, at the Golden-bell in St. Dunstons Church-yard.

There was a jovial Begger,
I found a Calowen Leg,
Came for to see to beg;
And a begging we will go,
well go, we'll go,
And a begging we will go.

A Bag for my Cat-meat,
another for my Rye;
A little Bottle by my side,
to drink when I'm a dwe;
And a begging we will go,
we'll go, we'll go,
And a begging we will go.

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