

## Auvergnat<sup>1</sup> [o.vɛʁ.ɲa]

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**There was a man was half a clown**  
[ðeɪ wəz ʌ mæn wəz hæf ʌ kla:ʊn]  
(RP) [haf]

**(It's so my father tells of it).**  
[ɪts so:ʊ ma:ɪ 'fa.ðə təlz əv ɪt]

He saw the church in Claremont town  
And laughed to hear the bells of it.

He laughed to hear the bells that ring  
In Claremont Church and round of it;  
He heard the verger's daughter sing,  
And loved her for the sound of it.

The verger's daughter said him nay;  
She had the right of choice in it.  
He left the town at break of day;  
He hadn't had a voice in it.

The road went up, the road went down,  
And there the matter ended it.  
He broke his heart in Claremont town.  
At Pontgibaud they mended it.

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*Thank you!*



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<sup>1</sup> Auvergnat (now Auvergne), a historical province in south-central France.