

Is My Team Ploughing

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"Is my team ploughing,
[ɪz maːɪ tɪm 'plɑːʊ.ɪŋ]

That I was used to drive
[ðæt aːɪ wəz juːst tu dɹɑːɪv]

And hear the harness jingle
When I was man alive?"

Ay, the horses trample,
The harness jingles now;
No change though you lie under
The land you used to plough.

"Is football playing
Along the river-shore,
With lads to chase the leather,
Now I stand up no more?"

Ay, the ball is flying,
The lads play heart and soul;
The goal stands up, the keeper
Stands up to keep the goal.

"Is my girl happy,
That I thought hard to leave..."

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