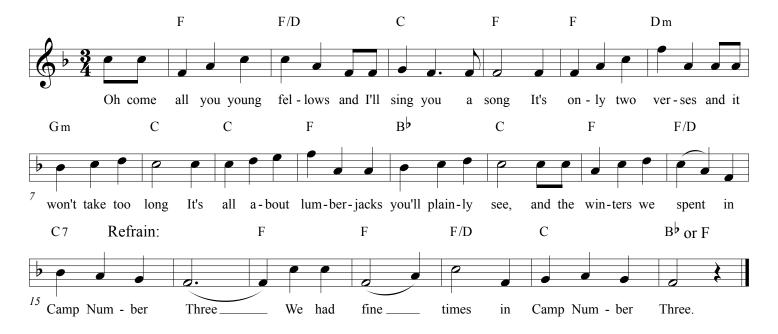
Fine Times In Camp #3

Traditional - as sung by LaRena Clark Chord suggestions by Ian Bell



A lumbercamp song with a bare-faced lie in the first verse! The tune seems to have a bit in common with "Sweet Betsy From Pike". I suspect "Electric Light Concentrate" may be a brand of crosscut saw oil used to lubricate saw blades to keep them from binding. Overall it's not a bad song, but I'd strongly suggest omitting or reworking the seventh verse.

Oh, the first of all was our jolly old cook He kept regular hours and he called us to chuck And then you would hear him in the dead of night You would hear him and he'd holler that it's almost daylight

Oh, the next was the sawyers and they'd make a saw bind Their electric light concentrate you could not find They would grind up their axes, to the bush they would go And to see them clean up boughs, it was a grand show

Oh, there was a big team they called Paddy and Queen And they'd haul the best loads that you've ever seen They would pile, and they'd load the load ever so high If the harness stood, Pat he would load them or die

Then there were four big teams; he drove four in a row As a usual thing, he got stuck every load And then you could hear him swear load as can be Get up there in the traces, or it's crow bait you'll be

And the next is our blacksmith, and the man you know well He would burn on the coal in the side of the hill He would burn all the coke and likewise the charcoal And his hooks could not catch in a thing he could hold

Oh the next is our foreman, and a very fine man And he tried to get out all the logs a man can But he never got rich and I'll tell you the cause 'Twas he went much too often to visit the squaws

Now the next is the scaler, and the man you know well He got stuck on himself like a dizzy young thing He got stuck on himself while he scaled a big log And he could not tell punk from the hind of a hog

So it's now to conclude and not make it too long I hope I have said and done nothing that's wrong For my name is Watson as you plainly see

And I drove four big horses for Duncan and Dee.