Thomas Ravenscroft was born in 1590 and took his Bachelor of Music from Cambridge University in 1607. Shortly after his graduation, he became a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. It was during his time at the Cathedral that he published his best known works, *Pammelia* and *Deuteromelia* in 1609, and *Melismata* in 1611. *Pammelia* holds the distinction of being the first collection of rounds printed in English. He published his *A brief discourse on Music* in 1614, and dedicated it to the newly founded Gresham College. In 1618, he became the music master at Christ's Hospital where he worked on the collection of *The Whole Book of Psalms*, published in 1621. Ravenscroft died in 1633 in Barnet, Sussex.

**Hey Ho Nobody at Home**  
1609 version  

Hey Ho nobody at home. Meat nor drink nor money have I none. Fill the pot Eadie.

**Hey Ho Nobody Home**  
Modern version  

Hey Ho nobody home. Meat nor drink nor money have I none. Yet I would be very, very merry.