

*Rohan Preston*

## ROAD SHOW



Before milk scald but after cock crow —  
before breakfast start cook,  
him stagger in, straggle in, come fe scare crow  
loud something out a Dickens book.

Raking people's sleep, shooing 'way mist  
and swearing to Kingdom come,  
parson come a yard a beat up him wrist  
preaching heavy under him rum.

To show him what real sermon is,  
missus rail up to batter him down. Since hot  
tea no make and last night's dinner cold,  
she koof him with her chimney pot.

Chicken a fly off their roost  
when holy head a burn and give,  
fastened dogs go clear out loose  
and donkey bray fe alternatives.

Parson out a road like pirate's parrot  
filth-mouth not keeping Sunday mass,  
watch him stammer like jackhammer as piss-pot spirits  
tear up inna him rass.

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