

Benjamin Bowlabags



Would you Know how the wars be-gan, Ben -ja-min Bowl-a-bags



Would you know how the wars be-gan Cast threads a - way



Would you know how the wars be-gan, Nine Tai-lors make a man



And so the proud tai -lor went pran - cing away

Would you know how the wars began
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Cast threads away
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Nine tailors make a man
And so the proud tailor went prancing away

With his needle he made a spear
And ran the mouse through the ear

With his bodkin he made a gun
And shot that mouse as he run

With his scissors he dug a pit
And shoved the mouse into it

With his thimble he made a bell
And toll'd the mouse's funeral knell

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