

BINGO!

Traditional English Game

Hexham variation

Musical notation for the Hexham variation of BINGO! The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The second staff starts at measure 5, and the third staff starts at measure 9. The piece concludes with a 4/4 time signature.

Leicestershire variation

Musical notation for the Leicestershire variation of BINGO! The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff starts at measure 13 and includes the lyrics: "The shepherd's dog lay on the hearth, And Bin-go was his name oh. B I". The second staff starts at measure 19 and includes the lyrics: "N G O, B I N G O, B I N G O, And Bin-go was his name oh."

The farmer's dog lay on the hearth..
The miller's dog lay on the wall..

The Eckington (Derbyshire) version is played as follows :—

A number of young women form a ring.

A man stands within the ring, and they sing the words.

He then makes choice of a girl, who takes his arm.

They both walk round the circle while the others sing the same lines again.

The girl who has been chosen makes choice of a young man in the ring,

who in his turn chooses another girl,

and so on till they have all paired off.

Other versions involve one child standing in the middle of the ring, while the others sing while running round in the circle. She then points to each in turn who say B I N G - the last one has to sing O - if they don't they become the pointer.