

## Snollygaster

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I am not a snollygaster  
I'm a snollygaster's son  
And I'm only gasting snollies  
'til the snollygaster comes

You could call me a curmudgeon  
I'm a scrimping-saving mite  
Accuse me of being "watchful"  
and I'll cheer in sheer delight

But I'll not go cheese a-paring  
- that could never be my fate  
If you find me paring cheeses  
you've arrived a bit too late

Never tell me that I'm chary  
I'm a thrifty circumspect  
I am only being wary  
'til I build up some respect

No, don't say I'm too reluctant  
if I don't spread the cash  
I would rather that I'm prudent  
than a bore and hasty rash

And don't call me a poor miser  
I'm a canny wary runt  
and I'll be a smidgeon wiser  
when I dare to be more blunt

At a push, yes call me frugal  
Don't find stronger words to bleep  
As I think myself "unwasteful"  
than a git who's simply cheap

I am not a penny-pincher  
I'm a penny-pincher's son  
and I'm only pinching pennies  
til my dad, he has begun

And no, I'm not a skin-flint  
for skin-flinters, I do find  
are forever flint a-skinning  
and bring nothing else to mind

I deny being way too stingy  
I ain't niggardly or tight  
and I have to ditch the notion  
that I'd sparingly take flight

And if I'm avaricious  
then don't tell me that I'm mean  
I'm not being parsimonious  
I'm just being "Yorkshire Keen"

I shall dare to be tight-fisted  
'til a Scotsman tells me not  
If that point, I'm found guilty  
then I know my bolt's been shot

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