

# You Bash the Balrog – Key of C

Words by Lee Gold · To the tune of “Waltzing Matilda”

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[C] Once a jolly [G] cleric, [C] and a magic-[F]using Elf  
[C] And a mighty Dwarf with a [G] sword plus three  
[C] Left their native [G] village, [C] out to get their [F] share of pelf.  
[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the [C] tree.

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[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the tree.  
[C] Left their native [G] village, [C] out to get their [F] share of pelf.  
[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the [C] tree.

[C] First they met a [G] Goblin [C] with a fire-[F]breathing Hound.  
[C] They bashed and they smashed, and they [G] scragged him with glee  
[C] Afterwards they [G] searched him, [C] and a magic [F] potion found.  
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[C] Afterwards they [G] searched him, [C] and a magic [F] potion found.  
[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the [C] tree.

[C] The low-wisdom [G] Swordsman [C] picked it up and [F] drank it down.  
[C] Changed to a wolf [G] immediately.  
[C] No one could [G] dispel it, [C] so they headed [F] back toward town.  
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[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the [C] tree.

[C] Then a loud voice [G] bellowed, [C] “Who has slain the [F] Goblin King?”  
[C] 'Round turned our heroes; [G] what did they see?  
[C] Swooping down [G] upon them [C] was a Balrog [F] on the wing.  
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[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the tree.  
[C] Swooping down [G] upon them [C] was a Balrog [F] on the wing.  
[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the [C] tree.

[C] “Help!” screamed the [G] Cleric. [C] “Ditto!” yelled the [F] Elven Mage.  
[C] The wolf whimpered low, and he [G] tried to flee.  
[C] The Balrog fell [G] upon them, [C] and his flames be[F]gan to rage.  
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[C] The Balrog fell [G] upon them, [C] and his flames be[F]gan to rage.  
[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I'll climb the [C] tree.

[C] They ran through the [G] forest, [C] seeking for a [F] place to hide,  
[C] Pursued by the Balrog so [G] fierce to see.

[C] “Wait!” cried the [G] Elf-mage. [C] “I have got a [F] plan,” he lied.

[C] “You bash the Balrog, [G] and I’ll climb the [C] tree.”

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[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I’ll climb the tree.

[C] “Wait!” cried the [G] Elf-mage. [C] “I have got a [F] plan,” he lied.

[C] “You bash the Balrog, [G] and I’ll climb the [C] tree.”

[C] Once a mighty [G] Balrog [C] slew a cleric [F] and an elf

[C] And a smallish wolf who had [G] teeth plus three.

[C] Skinned them and [G] tanned their hides and [C] kept them on a [F] closet shelf.

[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I’ll climb the [C] tree.

[C] You bash the Balrog, [F] you bash the Balrog,

[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I’ll climb the tree.

[C] Skinned them and [G] tanned their hides and [C] kept them on a [F] closet shelf.

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*Alternate final verse — for those who insist on a happy ending*

[C] Once a mighty [G] Balrog [C] slew a jolly [F] cleric and

[C] Skinned a smallish wolf who had [G] teeth plus three.

[C] But the Elf got [G] away, and [C] he’s living with a [F] Dryad band.

[C] You bash the Balrog, [G] and I’ll climb the [C] tree.

*Alternate final chorus*

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