Woodsman's Alphabet

As sung by the Cleveland Family

With flexible rhythm \( \frac{1}{4} = c. 112 \)

Capo: 3

1. A is for the axes, I suppose you all know; B is the boys who use them also; C is for chopping that early begins; and D is the danger we always are in. E is the echo that through the woods rings; F is the foreman, his orders he sings; G is the grindstone, so swiftly doth turn; and H is the handle so smoothly it's worn. So merry, so merry, so merry are we.

G

2. I is for the iron that marketh the pine; J is the jobber who's never behind; K is the keen edge our axes do keep; And L is for the lice that keep us from sleep. M is for the moss that we stuff in the cracks; N is the needle that mendeth our pants; O is the owl that hoots in the night; And P is the pine trees we always fall right.

G

3. Q is for quarrelling that we never allow; R is the rivers we run our logs through; S are the sleighs made heavy and strong; And T is for the teams that can yank them along. U is the uses we put our teams to; V is the valley we run our logs through; W is the woods we leave in the spring; And now you've heard the song that I started to sing.

G

So merry, so merry, so merry are we.
No one on earth more happy could be.
Rye derry, rye derry, rye derry, rye down!
To the shantyboys' woods where nothing goes wrong.

C

So merry, so merry, so merry are we.
No one on earth more happy could be.
Rye derry, rye derry, rye derry, rye down!
To the shantyboys' woods where nothing goes wrong.

G