

# A Penny for the Guy

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When Aut - umn leaves are on the ground and frost is in the air, It's  
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time to ga - ther straw and rags, and a - ny old clothes to spare. A  
C            F            D            G            C            F            G            C  
pen - ny for the guy, a pen - ny for the guy, Please mis - ter spare a pen - ny for the guy.

When Autumn leaves are on the ground and frost is in the air,  
It's time to gather straw and rags, and any old clothes to spare.

*Ch: A penny for the guy, a penny for the guy,  
Please, mister, spare a penny for the guy.*

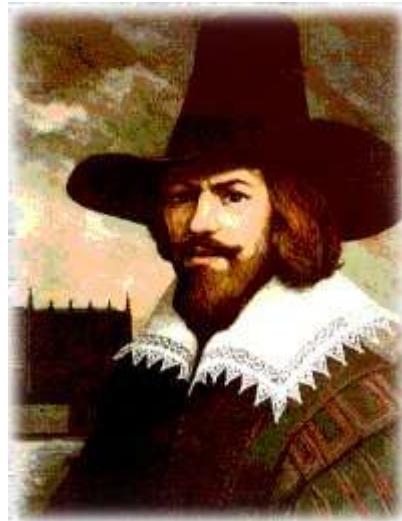
He must have arms, he must have legs all tied at their ends with twine,  
With a hat on his head and a card 'round his neck, he is a sight quite fine.

And when at last your guy is made, a pitch is what you need.  
Make sure your bogey's wheels are oiled so you can move around at speed.

Late Friday at the factory gate should make a bob or two,  
But don't try hanging 'round the pub where abuse is all you're due.

And when the pennies have rolled in, to the corner-shop you steal,  
With luck you'll have enough to buy Jumping Jacks, and a Catherine wheel.

When finally the night comes round when the flames are set to rise,  
Make sure you place your guy on high so his throne he occupies.



*The original Guy*



*A photograph from 1998 by Steven Lee, but which one is the Guy?*

*Of course, Bangers were what we really wanted to buy, but I couldn't fit them into the song! The Banger par excellence was the Cannon, but it cost 2d. Put one of those in a tin, and it really did blow it apart. Jumping Jacks were brilliant for scaring the girls. They were a tube of gunpowder shaped like a concertina. Once dropped on the ground, they bounced and banged all over the place, causing the meek to flee. On reflection, it was a good idea to run, as dresses and short trousers gave no protection from fireworks. I don't think you can buy either Cannons or Jumping Jacks nowadays - and it's probably just as well!*