

# MOLLY AND TENBROOKS

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Late 1878; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** "Tim Brook" was recorded by The Carver Boys in 1929; Henry Thomas- Run, Mollie Run- 1927; Bill Monroe & His Blue Grass Boys; Warde Ford; The Stanley Brothers; **OTHER NAMES:** Run Mollie Run; Tim Brook; **NOTES:** Originally called "an old Kentucky folk song," about the horse race of Kentucky thoroughbred Ten Broeck and mare Miss Mollie McCarthy, the song has been identified with several versions by Bill Monroe (1948) and the Stanley Brothers. The race on July 4, 1878 between between Ten Broeck and Miss Mollie McCarthy was won by Ten Broeck.

Run, O Mol-ly run, run O Mol-ly run, Ten - brooks gon - na beat you To the  
bright shin - ing sun bright shin - ing sun, O Lord - y, bright shin - ing sun.

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**G** Run old Molly run, run old Molly run, **C** Tenbrooks gonna beat you, to the bright shining sun.  
**D** To the bright shining sun, **G** Lord, to the bright shining sun.

Tenbrooks was a big bay horse, wore a shaggy mane.  
He ran all 'round the Midwest, and beat the Memphis train.  
Beat the Memphis train, Lord, beat the Memphis train.

Out in Californy, where Molly did as she pleased.  
Come back to old Kentucky, got beat with all ease.  
Beat with all ease, Lord, beat with all ease.

See old Molly coming, she's coming around the curve.  
See old Tenbrooks running, straining every nerve.  
Straining every nerve, Lord, straining every nerve.

Kyper, Kyper, you're not riding right. Molly's a-beating old Tenbrooks, clear 'round the side.  
Clear 'round the side, Lord, clear 'round the side.

Kyper, Kyper, Kyper my son. Give old Tenbrooks the bridle, and let old Tenbrooks run.  
Let old Tenbrooks run, Lord, let old Tenbrooks run.

Women's all a-laughing, children's all a-crying, Men folks all a-hollin', old Tenbrooks a-flying.  
Old Tenbrooks a-flying, Lord, old Tenbrooks a-flying.

Go a-catch old Tenbrooks, said hitch him in the shade.  
We're gonna bury old Molly, in a coffin ready made.  
Coffin ready made, Lord, a coffin ready made.